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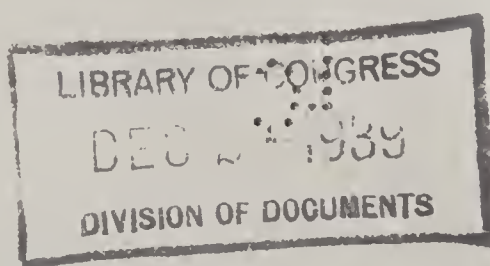
PUBLIC RESOLUTION NO. 126, SEVENTY-FIRST CONGRESS

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That hereafter the proceedings of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, the United Spanish War Veterans, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States, the American Legion, and the Disabled American Veterans of the World War, respectively, shall, with accompanying illustrations, be printed annually as separate House documents of the session of Congress to which they may be submitted.

SEC. 2. That section 2, chapter 277, volume 43, page 473, of the Revised Statutes, approved June 6, 1924, be, and is hereby, repealed.

Approved, March 2, 1931.

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LETTER OF SUBMITTAL

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Los Angeles, Calif., April 15, 1939.

THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Resolution No. 126, Seventy-second Congress, approved March 2, 1931, there is transmitted herewith the Journal of the Proceedings of the Seventy-second National Encampment, held at Des Moines, Iowa, September 4–8, 1938, which is submitted for printing as a House document.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,
Past Adjutant General.

ENCAMPMENT ROLL LIST OF COMMITTEES

MEMBERSHIP OF THE SEVENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT

The total number of names appearing on the roll of the seventy-second national encampment, as shown by the following table, is 549. Deducting previously reported, 134, the net voting strength is 415.

National officers, past national officers, and departments	De-partment officers	Repre-senta-tives	Past depart-ment com-mand-ers	Past senior vice depart-ment com-mand-ers	Past junior vice depart-ment com-mand-ers	Total	Deduct previ-ously re-ported	Net voting strength
National officers entitled to vote						10		10
National council of adminis-tration						40		40
Past commanders in chief						6	3	3
Past senior vice commanders in chief						5	3	2
Past junior vice commanders in chief						8	5	3
Past surgeons general						2		2
Past chaplains in chief						3		3
Past adjutants general						2		2
Past quartermaster general						1		1
Alabama	4	1	4			9	5	4
Arkansas	2					2	1	1
California and Nevada	4	6	10	2	2	24	5	19
Colorado and Wyoming	4	2	6	2	1	15	3	12
Connecticut	4	2	6			12	2	10
Delaware	4	1	4			9	4	5
Florida	4	2	5	2	3	16	4	12
Idaho	4	1	6	1	1	13	4	9
Illinois	4	5	5	1	3	18	6	12
Indiana	4	4	2	3	4	17	3	14
Iowa	4	4	5	1		14	5	9
Kansas	4	4	7	1	1	17	2	15
Kentucky	4	1	6			11	3	8
Louisiana and Mississippi	4	2	2			8	3	5
Maine	4	2	6	1		13	2	11
Maryland	4	1	1			6	1	5
Massachusetts	4	4	6			14	4	10
Michigan	4	3	4	2		13	3	10
Minnesota	4	3	4	2	1	14	3	11
Missouri	4	2	8		1	15	3	12
Montana	4	1	1			6	2	4
Nebraska	4	3	6	1	1	15	3	12
New Hampshire	4	1	3			8	3	5
New Jersey	4	2	4	2	1	13	2	11
New York	4	5	9	2	6	26	6	20
North Dakota	2		2			4	3	1
Ohio	4	5	3	2	4	18	1	17
Oklahoma	4	1	1			6	2	4

National officers, past national officers, and departments	De- part- ment officers	Repre- senta- tives	Past depart- ment com- mand- ers	Past senior vice depart- ment com- mand- ers	Past junior vice depart- ment com- mand- ers	Total	Deduct previ- ously re- ported	Net voting strength
Oregon-----	4	2	3	-----	-----	9	4	5
Pennsylvania-----	4	3	4	3	1	15	4	11
Potomac-----	4	1	3	-----	-----	8	3	5
Rhode Island-----	4	1	1	-----	-----	6	2	4
South Dakota-----	4	2	6	-----	1	13	3	10
Texas-----	4	1	2	-----	-----	7	3	4
Utah-----	4	1	1	-----	-----	6	2	4
Vermont-----	4	1	3	-----	-----	8	3	5
Virginia and North Carolina-----	2	-----	2	-----	-----	4	2	2
Washington and Alaska-----	4	2	4	1	1	12	3	9
West Virginia-----	4	1	4	-----	-----	9	3	6
Wisconsin-----	4	3	6	2	3	18	3	15
Member at large, Tennessee-----	-----	-----	1	-----	-----	1	-----	1
Total-----	154	86	166	31	35	549	134	415

ROLL OF SEVENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 4-9, 1938

NATIONAL OFFICERS

Commander in Chief

OVERTON H. MENNET,¹ Los Angeles, Calif.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief

HENRY HELD,¹ West Allis, Wis.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief

ROBERT M. ROWND,¹ Ripley, N. Y.

Surgeon General

DR. EDWARD H. COWAN,¹ Crawfordsville, Ind.

Chaplain in Chief

REV. MARTIN V. STONE,¹ Jamestown, N. Y.

Adjutant General

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,¹ Los Angeles, Calif.

Quartermaster General

SAMUEL S. FOWLER,¹ Philadelphia, Pa.

Judge Advocate General

JAMES W. WILLETT,¹ Tama, Iowa

Inspector General

R. H. HOFFMAN,¹ Denver, Colo.

National Patriotic Instructor

RUSTAN O. REED,¹ Seattle, Wash.

Assistant Adjutant General

JOSEPH B. HENNINGER,^{1 3} Indianapolis, Ind.

Chief of Staff

GEORGE N. LOCKWOOD,^{1 4} Los Angeles, Calif.

Senior Aide de Camp

J. W. CARROLL,^{1 5} Lisbon, N. Dak.

¹ Present.

³ Assistant adjutant general of Indiana.

⁴ Past department commander of California and Nevada.

⁵ Department commander of North Dakota.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Alabama: Frank McCloud, Rairhope, Ala.
Arkansas: J. M. Bryant, Little Rock, Ark.
California and Nevada: Samuel R. Yoho, San Francisco, Calif.
Colorado and Wyoming: James E. Jewel, Fort Morgan, Colo.
Connecticut: Edward T. Abbott, Bridgeport, Conn.
Delaware: Thomas Hammonds, Cheswold, Del.
Florida: Charles Eldredge, St. Petersburg, Fla.
Idaho: James P. Taylor, Boise, Idaho.
Illinois: Thomas Ambrose,¹ Chicago, Ill.
Indiana: Edward McClelland, Muncie, Ind.
Iowa: Thomas J. Noll,¹ Grinnell, Iowa.
Kansas: W. W. Nixon,¹ Jewell, Kans.
Kentucky: M. H. Davidson,¹ Louisville, Ky.
Louisiana and Mississippi: William Rochester, Natchez, Miss.
Maine: John W. Fogler,¹ Skowhegan, Maine.
Maryland: George T. Leech, Baltimore, Md.
Massachusetts: Joseph T. Stoddard,¹ Chelsea, Mass.
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Nebraska: John S. Davisson,¹ Omaha, Nebr.
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New Jersey: William H. Bilbee,¹ Trenton, N. J.
New York: Frank E. Cooley, Rensselaer, N. Y.
North Dakota: D. G. Duell,¹ Devils Lake, N. Dak.
Ohio: Sol Zarbaugh,¹ Toledo, Ohio.
Oklahoma: G. I. Gordon, Oklahoma City, Okla.
Oregon: T. A. Penland,¹ Portland, Oreg.
Pennsylvania: J. L. Chapman, Scranton, Pa.
Potomac: William F. Dorsey, Washington, D. C.
Rhode Island: Charles H. Bullock,¹ East Providence, R. I.
South Dakota: Levi Van Voorhis,¹ Huron, S. Dak.
Texas: John Shearer,¹ Houston, Tex.
Utah: Ira Stormes,¹ Salt Lake City, Utah.
Vermont: Charles Heyer, St. Johnsbury, Vt.
Virginia and North Carolina: Charles E. Grandy,¹ Norfolk, Va.
Washington and Alaska: L. A. Wilcox,¹ Tacoma, Wash.
West Virginia: Thomas Carder, Parkersburg, W. Va.
Wisconsin: Charles M. Hambright, Wood, Wis.

¹ Present.

PAST NATIONAL OFFICERS

PAST COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

B. F. Stephenson (provisional), ² (died Aug. 30, 1871)-----	1866
S. A. Hurlburt, ² Illinois (died Mar. 27, 1882)-----	1866-67
John A. Logan, ² Illinois (died Dec. 26, 1886)-----	1868-70
Ambrose E. Burnside, ² Rhode Island (died Sept. 18, 1881)-----	1871-72
Charles Devens, ² Massachusetts (died Jan. 7, 1892)-----	1873-74
John F. Hartranft, ² Pennsylvania (died Oct. 17, 1899)-----	1875-76
John C. Robinson, ² New York (died Feb. 18, 1897)-----	1877-78
William Earnshaw, ² Ohio (died July 17, 1885)-----	1879
Louis Wagner, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)-----	1880
George S. Merrill, ² Massachusetts (died Feb. 17, 1900)-----	1881
Paul Van Dervoort, ² Nebraska (died July 29, 1902)-----	1882
Robert B. Beath, ² Pennsylvania (died Nov. 25, 1924)-----	1883
John S. Kountz, ² Ohio (died June 14, 1909)-----	1884
Samuel S. Burdett, ² Potomac (died Sept. 24, 1914)-----	1885
Lucius Fairchild, ² Wisconsin (died May 22, 1896)-----	1886
John P. Rea, ² Minnesota (died May 28, 1900)-----	1887
William Warner, ² Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916)-----	1888
Russell A. Alger, ² Michigan (died Jan. 24, 1907)-----	1889
Wheelock G. Veazy, ² Vermont (died Mar. 22, 1898)-----	1890
John Palmer, ² New York (died Apr. 15, 1905)-----	1891
A. G. Weissert, ² Wisconsin (died Apr. 24, 1923)-----	1892
John G. B. Adams, ² Massachusetts (died Oct. 19, 1900)-----	1893
Thomas G. Lawler, ² Illinois (died Feb. 3, 1908)-----	1894
Ivan N. Walker, ² Indiana (died Sept. 22, 1905)-----	1895
T. S. Clarkson, ² Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915)-----	1896
John P. S. Gobin, ² Pennsylvania (died May 10, 1910)-----	1897
James A. Sexton, ² Illinois (died in office, Feb. 5, 1899)-----	1898
W. C. Johnson, ² Ohio (died Apr. 27, 1917)-----	1899
Albert D. Shaw, ² New York (died Feb. 10, 1901)-----	1899
Leo Rassieur, ² Missouri (died June 1, 1929)-----	1900
Ell Torrance, ² Minnesota (died Feb. 18, 1932)-----	1901
Thomas J. Stewart, ² Pennsylvania (died Sept. 11, 1917)-----	1902
John C. Black, ² Illinois (died Aug. 17, 1915)-----	1903
Wilmon W. Blackmar, ² Massachusetts (died in office, July 16, 1905)-----	1904
John R. King, ² Maryland (died Mar. 3, 1934)-----	1905
James Tanner, ² New York (died Oct. 2, 1927)-----	1905
Robert B. Brown, ² Ohio (died July 30, 1916)-----	1906
Charles G. Burton, ² Missouri (died Feb. 25, 1926)-----	1907
Henry N. Nevius, ² New Jersey (died Jan. 28, 1911)-----	1908
Samuel R. Van Sant, ² Minnesota (died Oct. 3, 1936)-----	1909
John E. Gilman, ² Massachusetts (died Feb. 20, 1921)-----	1910
Harvey M. Trimble, ² Illinois (died Jan. 10, 1918)-----	1911
Alfred B. Beers, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920)-----	1912
Washington Gardner, ² Michigan (died Mar. 31, 1928)-----	1913
David J. Palmer, ² Iowa (died Nov. 19, 1928)-----	1914
Elias R. Monfort, ² Ohio (died July 29, 1920)-----	1915
W. J. Patterson, ² Pennsylvania (died Nov. 6, 1926)-----	1916
Orlando A. Somers, ² Indiana (died June 9, 1921)-----	1917
Clarendon E. Adams, ² Nebraska (died Feb. 23, 1924)-----	1918
James D. Bell, ² New York (died in office, Nov. 1, 1919)-----	1919
Daniel M. Hall, ² Ohio (died Oct. 19, 1925)-----	1919

² Deceased.

PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF—Continued

William A. Ketcham, ² Indiana (died Dec. 27, 1921)-----	1920
Lewis S. Pilcher, ² New York (died Dec. 24, 1934)-----	1921
James W. Willett, ^{1 3} Tama, Iowa-----	1922
Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, ² Ohio (died Aug. 25, 1930)-----	1923
Louis F. Arensberg, ² Pennsylvania (died Sept. 20, 1934)-----	1924
John B. Inman, ² Illinois (died Dec. 15, 1929)-----	1925
Frank A. Walsh, ² Wisconsin (died Mar. 5, 1932)-----	1926
Elbridge L. Hawk, ² California and Nevada (died Aug. 13, 1930)-----	1927
John Reese, ² Nebraska (died July 5, 1935)-----	1928
Edwin J. Foster, Worcester, Mass-----	1929
James E. Jewel, ⁴ Fort Morgan, Colo-----	1930
Samuel P. Town, ² Pennsylvania (died July 9, 1937)-----	1931
William P. Wright ² (died in office, June 15, 1933)-----	1932
Russell C. Martin, ^{1 5} Los Angeles, Calif. (promoted June 15, 1933)-----	1933
Russell C. Martin, ^{1 5} Los Angeles, Calif. (elected Sept. 21, 1933)-----	1933
Alfred E. Stacey, Elbridge, N. Y-----	1934
Oley Nelson, ² Iowa (died Apr. 15, 1938)-----	1935
C. H. William Ruhe, ¹ Pittsburgh, Pa-----	1936

PAST SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

James B. McKean, ² New York (died Jan. 6, 1879)-----	1866-67
Joshua T. Owen, ² Pennsylvania (died Nov. 7, 1887)-----	1868
Lucius Fairchild, ² Wisconsin (died May 23, 1896)-----	1869-70
Louis Wagner, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)-----	1871-72
Edward Jardine, ² New York (died Mar. 13, 1896)-----	1874
Joseph S. Reynolds, ² California and Nevada (died Sept. 18, 1911)-----	1875-76
Elisha M. Rhodes, ² Rhode Island (died Jan. 14, 1917)-----	1877
Paul Van Dervoort, ² Nebraska (died July 29, 1902)-----	1878
John Palmer, ² New York (died Apr. 15, 1905)-----	1879
Edgar D. Swain, ² Illinois (died Apr. 28, 1904)-----	1880
Charles L. Young, ² Ohio (died September —, 1913)-----	1881
W. E. W. Ross, ² Maryland (died Nov. 14, 1907)-----	1882
William Warner, ² Missouri (died Oct. 4, 1916)-----	1883
John P. Rea, ² Minnesota (died May 28, 1900)-----	1884
Selden Connor, ² Maine (died July 9, 1917)-----	1885
S. W. Backus, ² California and Nevada (died Apr. 10, 1930)-----	1886
Nelson Cole, ² Missouri (died July 31, 1899)-----	1887
Moses H. Neil, ² Ohio (died Dec. 29, 1929)-----	1888
A. G. Weissert ² Wisconsin (died Apr. 24, 1923)-----	1889
Richard F. Tobin, ² Massachusetts (died in office Nov. 22, 1890)-----	1890
George H. Innis, ² Massachusetts (elected Apr. 7, 1891; died Jan. 19, 1907) --	1891
Henry W. Duffield, ² Michigan (died July 13, 1912)-----	1891
R. H. Warfield, ² California and Nevada (died July 19, 1906)-----	1892
Ivan N. Walker, ² Indiana (died Sept 22, 1905)-----	1893
A. P. Burchfield, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 8, 1910)-----	1894
E. H. Hobson, ² Kentucky (died Sept. 13, 1901)-----	1895
John H. Mullen, ² Minnesota (died Apr. 3, 1907)-----	1896
Alfred Lyth, ² New York (died Dec. 15, 1924)-----	1897
W. C. Johnson, ² Ohio (elected commander in chief Sept. 5, 1899; died Apr. 27, 1917)-----	1898
Daniel Ross, ² Delaware (elected Sept. 5, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916)-----	1899
Irvin Robbins, ² Indiana (died Feb. 29, 1911)-----	1899
Edwin C. Milliken, ² Maine (died Oct. 21, 1921)-----	1900
John McElroy, ² Potomac (died Oct. 12, 1929)-----	1901
William M. Olin, ² Massachusetts (died Apr. 18, 1911)-----	1902
C. Mason Kinne, ² California and Nevada (died Dec. 25, 1913)-----	1903
John R. King, ² Maryland (promoted commander in chief July 17, 1905)-----	1904
George W. Patten, ² Tennessee (promoted July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19, 1906)-----	1905

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Judge advocate general.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Adjutant general.

PAST SENIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

George W. Cook, ² Colorado and Wyoming (died Dec. 17, 1916)-----	1905
William A. Armstrong, ² Indiana (died Sept. 28, 1914)-----	1906
Lewis E. Griffith, ² New York (died Oct. 6, 1912)-----	1907
J. Kent Hamilton, ² Ohio (died Dec. 29, 1918)-----	1908
William M. Bostaph, ² California and Nevada (died Apr. 8, 1935)-----	1909
Charles Burrows, ² New Jersey (died Mar. 17, 1935)-----	1910
Nicholas W. Day, ² New York (died Mar. 6, 1916)-----	1911
Henry Z. Osborne, ² California and Nevada (died March, 1923)-----	1912
Thomas H. Soward, ² Oklahoma (died Aug. 12, 1918)-----	1913
Joseph B. Griswold, ² Michigan (died in office, Mar. 9, 1915)-----	1914
William F. Conner, ² Texas (promoted Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919)---	1915
George H. Slaybaugh, ² Potomac (died Feb. 9, 1929)-----	1915
William H. Wormstead, ² Massachusetts (died Aug. 15, 1938)-----	1916
John L. Clem, ² Potomac (died May 13, 1937)-----	1917
John G. Chambers, ³ Oregon-----	1918
Charles B. Wilson, ² California and Nevada (died Dec. 1, 1928)-----	1919
George A. Hosley, ² Massachusetts (died May 13, 1930)-----	1920
Robert W. McBride, ² Indiana (died May 15, 1926)-----	1921
C. S. Brodbent, ² Texas (died Apr. 23, 1931)-----	1922
Frank A. Walsh, ² Wisconsin (died Mar. 5, 1932)-----	1923
Wilfred A. Wetherbee, ² Massachusetts (died Nov. 13, 1930)-----	1924
Oscar A. Janes, ² Michigan (died April 26, 1933)-----	1925
A. G. Beatty, ² Iowa (died Nov. 17, 1928)-----	1926
Calvin A. Brainard, ² New York (died Jan. 12, 1936)-----	1927
James E. Jewel, ⁴ Fort Morgan, Colo-----	1928
Charles E. Nason, ² Maine (died Sept. 15, 1937)-----	1929
Jacob Secrest, ² Ohio (died Nov. 26, 1935)-----	1930
Oley Nelson, ² Iowa (died Apr. 15, 1938)-----	1931
Russell C. Martin, ^{1 5} Los Angeles, Calif. (commander-in-chief June 15, 1933)-----	1932
Charles E. Jones, ² Alabama (promoted June 15, 1933; died Dec. 26, 1933)-----	1933
Thomas H. Peacock, ² Minnesota (died in office, Jan. 23, 1934)-----	1933
Edwin H. Lincoln, ¹ Pittsfield, Mass. (promoted Jan. 23, 1934)-----	1934
Harding I. Merrill, ² Kansas (died June 22, 1937)-----	1934
A. C. Estabrook, ^{1 4} Grand Rapids, Mich-----	1935
Henry F. Russell, ² Ohio (died Dec. 3, 1937)-----	1936

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF

Robert S. Foster, ² Indiana (died Mar. 3, 1903)-----	1866
Joseph R. Hawley, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 18, 1905)-----	1866-69
Louis Wagner, ² Pennsylvania (died Jan. 15, 1914)-----	1870
James Coey, ² California (died July 14, 1918)-----	1871
J. Warren Keifer, ² Ohio (died Apr. 22, 1933)-----	1871-72
Edgar Ferguson, ² Wisconsin (died Sept. 18, 1901)-----	1873
Guy T. Gould, ² Illinois (died Mar. 4, 1919)-----	1874
Charles J. Buckbee, ² Connecticut (died Nov. 5, 1896)-----	1875-76
William Earnshaw, ² Ohio (died July 17, 1885)-----	1877
Herbert E. Hill, ² Massachusetts (died Apr. 8, 1892)-----	1878
Harrison Dingman, ² Potomac (died Sept. 26, 1925)-----	1879
George Bowers, ² New Hampshire (died Feb. 14, 1884)-----	1880
C. V. R. Pond, ² Michigan (died June 9, 1912)-----	1881
I. S. Bangs, ² Maine (died May 30, 1903)-----	1882
Walter H. Holmes, ² California and Nevada (died Mar. 26, 1889)-----	1883
Ira E. Hicks, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 23, 1919)-----	1884
John R. Lewis, ² Georgia (died Feb. 8, 1900)-----	1885
Edgar Allen, ² Virginia (died Oct. 28, 1904)-----	1886
John C. Linehan, ² New Hampshire (died Sept. 19, 1905)-----	1887

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.⁴ National council of administration⁵ Adjutant general.

PAST JUNIOR VICE COMMANDERS IN CHIEF—Continued

Joseph Hadfield, ³ New York-----	1888
John F. Lovett, ² New Jersey (died Mar. 27, 1926)-----	1889
George B. Creamer, ² Maryland (died Sept. 16, 1896)-----	1890
T. S. Clarkson, ² Nebraska (died Jan. 16, 1915)-----	1891
Peter B. Ayars, ² Delaware (died Jan. 19, 1904)-----	1892
J. C. Bigger, ² Texas (died Sept. 24, 1900)-----	1893
Charles H. Shute, ² Louisiana (died Nov. 26, 1907)-----	1894
S. G. Cosgrove, ² Washington and Alaska (died Mar. 28, 1909)-----	1895
Charles W. Buckley, ² Alabama (died Dec. 4, 1906)-----	1896
Francis B. Allen, ² Connecticut (died July 26, 1921)-----	1897
Daniel Ross, ² Delaware (senior vice, Sept. 6, 1899; died Mar. 26, 1916)---	1898
Michael Minton, ² Kentucky (died Oct. 9, 1911)-----	1899
Frank Seaman, ² Tennessee (died Nov. 20, 1910)-----	1900
James O'Donnell, ² Illinois (died Feb. 15, 1910)-----	1901
James P. Averill, ² Georgia (died Oct. 12, 1904)-----	1902
Harry C. Kessler, ² Montana (died Sept. 10, 1907)-----	1903
George N. Patton, ² Tennessee (senior vice, July 17, 1905; died Sept. 19, 1906)-----	1904
Ephraim B. Stillings, ² Massachusetts (elected Sept. 4, 1905; died Dec. 30, 1917)-----	1905
Silas H. Towler, ² Minnesota (died Apr. 23, 1930)-----	1905
E. B. Fenton, ² Michigan (died Nov. 19, 1927)-----	1906
William M. Scott, ² Georgia (died Aug. 29, 1928)-----	1907
Charles C. Royce, ² Potomac (died Feb. 11, 1923)-----	1908
Alfred B. Beers, ² Connecticut (died Mar. 31, 1920)-----	1909
William James, ² Florida (died Dec. 11, 1923)-----	1910
William A. Ogden, ² Kansas (died Oct. 31, 1914)-----	1911
Americus Whedon, ² Kentucky (died Oct. 18, 1921)-----	1912
A. S. Fowler, ² Arkansas (died Oct. 18, 1922)-----	1913
W. F. Conner, Texas (senior vice, Mar. 10, 1915; died Mar. 1, 1919)-----	1914
Oscar A. Janes, ² Michigan (elected Apr. 1, 1915; died Apr. 26, 1933)-----	1915
Le Vant Dodge, ² Kentucky (died Mar. 6, 1925)-----	1915
E. K. Russ, ³ Louisiana-----	1916
John M. Vernon, ² Illinois (died Nov. 20, 1921)-----	1917
Charles H. Haber, ² Virginia (died Nov. 30, 1927)-----	1918
Isidore Isaacs, ² New York (died Feb. 18, 1924)-----	1919
J. E. Gandy, ² Washington and Alaska (died June 5, 1934)-----	1920
Henry A. Johnson, ² Potomac (died Dec. 5, 1935)-----	1921
C. V. Gardner, ² South Dakota (died Dec. 15, 1930)-----	1922
George T. Leech, ⁴ Baltimore, Md-----	1923
John Reese, ² Nebraska (died July 5, 1935)-----	1924
William O. Allen, ² New Jersey (died Sept. 22, 1931)-----	1925
Charles H. Haskins, ² California and Nevada (died Oct. 16, 1933)-----	1926
Samuel E. Mahan, ¹ St. Paul, Minn-----	1927
Henry J. Kearney, ² New York (died Apr. 30, 1933)-----	1928
James W. Shields, ² Idaho (died Dec. 17, 1933)-----	1929
Charles H. Lewis, ² Rhode Island (died May, 1938)-----	1930
Russell C. Martin, ^{1 5} Los Angeles, Calif-----	1931
Charles E. Jones, ² (senior vice, June 15, 1933; died Dec. 26, 1933)-----	1932
Arthur Dawson, ¹ Oak Park, Ill. (elected Sept. 18, 1933)-----	1933
Edwin H. Lincoln, ^{1 6} Pittsfield, Mass. (senior vice, Jan. 23, 1934)-----	1933
John E. Andrew, ¹ Quincy, Ill. (elected April 27, 1934)-----	1934
George H. Pounder, ² Wisconsin (died Dec. 10, 1936)-----	1934
Overton H. Mennet, ^{1 7} Los Angeles, Calif-----	1935
Thomas Ambrose, ⁴ Chicago, Ill-----	1936

PAST SURGEONS GENERAL (LIVING)

Dr. Charles W. Burrill, Kansas City, Mo-----	1920; 1923; 1926
Dr. A. B. Garrett, ¹ Gallipolis, Ohio-----	1933; 1935

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.⁴ National council of administration.⁵ Adjutant general.⁶ Promoted to senior vice commander in chief.⁷ Commander in chief.

PAST CHAPLAINS IN CHIEF (LIVING)

Rev. George B. Smith, St. Paul, Minn.....	1921
Rev. Robert W. Hill, Albany, N. Y.....	1926
Rev. J. King Gibson, Miami Beach, Fla.....	1927-1929 ; 1932-1936

PAST ADJUTANTS GENERAL (LIVING)

Darwin B. Wolcott, Los Angeles, Calif.....	1933
George Sands, Pittsburgh, Pa.....	1937

PAST QUARTERMASTER GENERAL (LIVING)

Edward Hurley, Buffalo, N. Y.....	1931
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DEPARTMENTS

[The figures within parentheses indicate the number of each department in the order of permanent organization]

ALABAMA (42)

[Organized June 26, 1876; reorganized March 12, 1899. Membership, December 31, 1937, 4. Posts, 2]

Department commander----- ALFRED N. OLIVER, Birmingham, Ala.
Senior vice department commander----- LEWIS HERMAN, New Orleans, La.
Junior vice department commander----- THOMAS BARR, New Orleans, La.
Assistant adjutant general----- FRANK McCLOUD,⁴ Fairhope, Ala.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Cornelius Cadle, ² 1868-70.	Henry M. Austin, ² 1910.
Datus E. Coon, ² 1871.	Charles C. Chapin, ² 1911.
George H. Patrick, ² 1871-80.	W. H. Brooks, ² 1912.
F. G. Sheppard, ² 1889.	Joseph Greenwood, ² 1913.
Seymour Bullock, ² 1890.	Anson B. Culver, ² 1914.
A. B. Hayes, ² 1891.	Charles A. Mange, ² 1915.
William Snyder, ² 1892.	J. J. Powers, ² 1916.
J. Clyde Millar, ² 1893 (see California and Nevada).	E. F. Quinn, ² 1917.
Charles W. Buckley, ² 1894.	Isaac W. Higgs, ² 1918.
Manoah Bostick, ² 1895.	A. W. Fulghum, ² 1919.
George Wollenhaupt, ² 1896.	John A. Barr, ² 1920.
W. H. Black, ² 1897.	James Ashworth, ² 1921.
A. G. Bethard, ² 1898.	Chester K. Roe, ² 1922.
A. P. Stone, ² 1899.	George Hoenig, ² 1923.
George B. Randolph, ² 1900.	Henry F. Dodd, ² 1924.
George F. Jackson, ² 1901.	Frank McCloud, ³ Fairhope, 1925.
E. D. Bacon, ² 1902.	W. W. Clapp, ² 1926.
R. H. Allison, ² 1903.	Littleton W. Williams, ² 1927.
Henry Chairsell, ² 1904.	William Rife, ² 1928-29.
A. G. Negley, ² 1905.	Lyman C. Redfield, ² 1930.
A. N. Ballard, ² 1906.	Charles E. Jones, ² 1931-33 (died in office).
W. M. Campbell, ² 1907.	Frank McCloud, ³ Fairhope, 1933-34.
Charles E. Peck, ² 1908 (died in office).	Thomas Barr, ⁴ New Orleans, La., 1935.
C. A. Cook, ² 1908.	Samuel A. Wilson, ² 1936.
Thomas R. Gockel, ² 1909.	Alfred N. Oliver, ⁵ Birmingham, 1937.

² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.

⁴ Junior vice department commander.

⁵ Department commander.

ARKANSAS (31)

[Organized July 11, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1937, 4. Posts, 2]

Department commander----- J. M. BRYANT,³ Little Rock.
Assistant adjutant general----- ALONZO TODD,¹ Little Rock.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Stephen Wheeler, ² 1883-84.	A. Y. Killingsworth, ² 1909.
C. M. Barnes, ² 1885.	J. M. McClintock, ² 1910.
C. C. Waters, ² 1886.	R. J. Maxson, ² 1911.
Thomas Boles, ² 1887.	F. W. Tucker, ² 1912.
S. K. Robinson, ² 1888.	A. S. Fowler, ² 1913-14.
A. S. Fowler, ² 1889-90.	Charles C. Warner, ² 1915.
W. H. H. Clayton, ² 1891.	H. F. Wallace, ² 1916 (see California and Nevada).
Powell Clayton, ² 1892.	O. J. Kyler, ² 1917.
Logan H. Root, ² 1893.	Horace Wyman, ² 1918.
Thomas H. Barnes, ² 1893-94.	Samuel Henderson, ² 1919.
William C. Roberts, ² 1895.	Jacob E. Leas, ² 1920.
O. H. Spellman, ² 1896.	George W. Clark, ² 1921.
A. H. Soekland, ² 1897.	C. H. Parish, ² 1922.
W. G. Gray, ² 1898.	George W. Clark, ² 1923.
George W. Clark, ² 1899.	Orin Parker, ² 1924.
A. L. Thompson, ² 1900.	M. C. Stouteagle, ² 1925.
W. G. Akers, ² 1901.	John Q. Hays, ² 1926-27.
J. H. Avery, ² 1902-3.	Samuel Henderson, ² 1928-33 (died in office).
Edward T. Wolfe, ² 1904.	W. B. Brown, ² 1934-37 (died in office).
W. S. Bartholomew, ² 1905.	S. H. Blackmer, ² 1937 (died in office).
John W. Lane, ² 1906.	
Cos Altenburg, ² 1907.	
Charles E. Newman, ² 1908.	

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA (10)

[Organized February 21, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1937, 249. Posts, 46]

Department commander----- F. R. YOUNG,¹ Oakland.
Senior vice department commander----- J. P. CLOUGH, Los Angeles.
Junior vice department commander----- C. H. BLANCHARD, Oakland.
Assistant adjutant general----- J. S. DUMSER,¹ Oakland.

REPRESENTATIVES

E. R. Somers, Beverly Hills.
Robert C. Blair, Los Angeles.
J. F. McConnell,¹ Chico.
Charles L. Chappel,¹ Long Beach.
William L. Kimberly,¹ Los Angeles.
A. C. Burleigh, Hermosa Beach.

ALTERNATES

Charles Merrick,¹ Los Angeles.
R. N. Shifflett,¹ Long Beach.
C. H. Castle,¹ Los Angeles.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John E. Miller ² (provisional), 1867.	E. S. Salomon, ² 1887.
James Coey, ² 1868-69.	T. H. Goodman, ² 1888.
W. L. Campbell, ² 1870.	George E. Gard, ² 1889.
W. E. McArthur, ² 1871-72.	A. J. Buckles, ² 1890.
W. H. Aiken, ² 1873-74.	W. H. L. Barnes, ² 1891.
A. Carlson, ² 1875.	J. B. Fuller, ² 1892.
A. C. Bagley, ² 1876.	E. C. Seymour, ² 1893.
S. W. Backus, ² 1877.	J. M. Walling, ² 1894.
S. P. Ford, ² 1878-79.	C. E. Wilson, ² 1895.
C. Mason Kinne, ² 1880-81.	T. C. Masteller, ⁶ 1896.
W. A. Robinson, ² 1882.	N. P. Chipman, ² 1897.
J. W. Staples, ² 1883.	Sol Cahen, ² 1898.
James M. Davis, ² 1884.	A. F. Dill, ² 1899.
R. H. Warfield, ² 1885.	George M. Mott, ² 1900.
W. R. Smedburg, ² 1886.	George Stone, ² 1901.

¹ Present.
² Deceased.
³ National council of administration.
⁶ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.

California and Nevada—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—Continued

W. G. Hawley, ² 1902.	G. M. Burlingame, ² 1920.
William R. Shafter, ² 1903.	William H. Noll, ² 1921.
Charles T. Rice, ² 1904.	S. W. Hopkins, ² 1922.
W. W. Russell, ² 1905.	James R. Milner, ² 1923.
William C. Alberger, ² 1906.	George W. Grannis, ² 1924.
William G. Waters, ² 1907.	C. S. Stoddard, ² 1925.
Samuel Merrill, ² 1908.	Peter H. Mass, San Francisco, 1926.
W. S. Daubenspeck, ² 1909.	W. A. Packard, ² 1927.
E. L. Hawk, ² 1910.	H. H. Woodruff, ² 1928.
H. V. Parker, ² 1911.	Darwin B. Wolcott, ⁸ Los Angeles, 1929.
W. R. Thomas, ² 1912.	John C. Chapman, ² 1930.
G. M. Stormont, ² 1913.	A. E. Vest, San Diego, 1931.
B. B. Tuttle, ² 1914.	J. S. Dumser, ^{1 10} Oakland, 1932.
Hiram P. Thompson, ² 1915.	O. H. Menner, ^{1 9} Los Angeles, 1933.
A. E. Leavitt, ² 1916.	William M. Bostaph, ² 1934 (died in office).
C. H. Haskins, ² 1917.	George N. Lockwood, ¹ Los Angeles, 1935.
John H. Roberts, ² 1918.	S. R. Yoho, ³ San Francisco, 1936.
R. C. Martin, ^{1 7} Los Angeles, 1919.	John W. Grimes, ¹ Long Beach, 1937.
George D. Kellogg, ² 1920 (died in office).	

J. Clyde Millar,² 1893, transferred from Alabama.

George Hoxworth,² 1897, transferred from Arizona.

James P. Rhodes,² 1920, transferred from Arizona.

D. P. Kyle,² 1921, transferred from Arizona.

H. F. Wallace,² 1916, transferred from Arkansas.

U. S. Hollister,² 1897, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.

R. H. Mellette,² 1907, transferred from Colorado and Wyoming.

P. Q. Stoner,² 1913, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.

Silas Wilson,² 1919, transferred from Idaho.

Joseph S. Reynolds,² 1877, transferred from Illinois.

John J. Steadman, Hollywood, 1892, transferred from Iowa.

O. H. Coulter,² 1899, transferred from Kansas.

Perry H. Manchester,² 1900, transferred from Montana.

A. V. Cole,² 1885, transferred from Nebraska.

Clarendon E. Adams,² 1895, transferred from Nebraska.

John W. Edwards,² 1902, transferred from New Mexico.

H. B. Steward,² 1910, transferred from New Mexico.

John C. Gipson,² 1902, transferred from New York.

William A. Bentley,² 1891, transferred from North Dakota.

J. P. Cummings,² 1894, transferred from Oklahoma.

James E. Burns,² 1901, transferred from Oklahoma.

W. H. Hornaday,² 1907, transferred from Oklahoma.

W. S. Tilton,² 1920, transferred from Oklahoma.

M. V. Lucas,² 1884–86, transferred from South Dakota.

E. T. Langley,² 1890, transferred from South Dakota.

Philip Lawrence,² 1900, transferred from South Dakota.

Thomas E. Blanchard,² 1902, transferred from South Dakota.

M. A. Breeden,² 1900, transferred from Utah.

William M. Bostaph,² 1902, transferred from Utah.

Frank M. Davis,² 1904, transferred from Washington and Alaska.

W. H. Wiscombe,² 1910, transferred from Washington and Alaska.

John J. See,² 1917, transferred from Washington and Alaska.

O. D. McDonald,² 1920, transferred from Washington and Alaska.

A. H. DeGroff,² 1901, transferred from Wisconsin.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John J. Ogle, San Diego, 1915, transferred from Indiana.

Charles H. Hall, Santa Monica, 1899, transferred from Pennsylvania.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. M. Mingay, Tujunga, 1933.

| Wm. F. Hoch, Pasadena, 1937.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.

⁷ Adjutant general.

⁸ Past adjutant general.

⁹ Commander in chief.

¹⁰ Assistant adjutant general.

COLORADO AND WYOMING (21)

[Organized as the Department of Colorado in 1868; reorganized in 1876 as Department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado, July 31, 1882; name changed to Colorado and Wyoming, August 28, 1889. Membership, December 31, 1937, 36. Posts, 9]

Department commander----- LEWIS H. EASTERLY,¹ Gunnison.
Senior vice department commander----- GEO. METZ,¹ Fort Collins.
Junior Vice department commander----- J. B. SMITH,¹ Canon City.
Assistant adjutant general----- R. H. HOFFMAN,^{1 11} Denver.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Frederick J. Bancroft, ² 1876.	William W. Ferguson, ² 1910 (died in office).
Andrew W. Taylor, ² 1878-79.	William H. McDonald, ² 1910.
John W. Donnellan, ² 1880-82.	Dexter T. Sapp, ² 1911.
Eugene K. Stimson, ² 1882-83.	Henry M. Minor, ² 1912.
Byron L. Carr, ² 1884.	Cyrus A. Brooks, ² 1913.
Aninman V. Bohn, ² 1885.	O. S. Reed, ² 1914.
Henry Bowman, ² 1886.	Frank O. Burdick, ² 1915.
George Ady, ² 1887.	James Moynahan, ² 1916.
John W. Browning, ² 1888.	James H. Comstock, ² 1917.
Thomas J. Fisher, ² 1889.	Asa Curl, ² 1918.
Delos L. Holden, ² 1890.	Carroll M. Bills, ² 1919.
George W. Cook, ² 1891.	Marshall S. Crawford, ² 1920.
John C. Kennedy, ² 1892.	James E. Jewell, ³ Fort Morgan, 1921.
Myron W. Reed, ² 1893.	Samuel J. Capps, ² 1922 (died in office).
Nathaniel Rollins, ² 1894.	A. W. Hogle, ² 1923.
Nichols J. O'Brien, ² 1895.	William Butler, ² 1923.
Horace O. Dodge, ² 1896.	J. C. Plank, ² 1924.
U. S. Hollister, ² 1897 (see California and Nevada).	J. L. Randall, ² 1925.
William T. S. May, ² 1898.	W. M. Robertson, ² 1926.
Andrew Royal, ² 1899.	J. E. Laycock, Manitou, 1927.
Harper M. Orahood, ² 1900.	C. Ricketts, ² 1928.
Linus E. Sherman, ² 1901.	W. E. Moses, ² 1919 (died in office).
James W. Huff, ² 1902.	R. Q. Tenney, ² 1929.
Harrison S. Vaughn, ² 1903.	David N. Heiser, ² 1930.
Thomas J. Downen, ² 1904.	E. C. Condit, ² 1931.
George W. Curfman, ² 1905.	Alba J. Rawson, ² 1932-33.
Loren C. Dana, ² 1906.	Chas. H. Pridmore, ¹ Denver, 1934.
Richard H. Mellette, ² 1907 (see California and Nevada).	Tobias Mattox, ¹ Greeley, 1935.
Henry C. Watson, ² 1908.	R. H. Hoffman, ^{1 11} Denver, 1936.
John W. Wingate, ² 1909.	Joshua C. Pearce, ¹ Denver, 1937.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

E. H. McNutt, Denver, 1932. | George Coburn, Denver, 1935.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Thomas D. Means, Boulder, 1935.

¹ Present.
² Deceased.
³ National council of administration.
¹¹ Inspector general.

CONNECTICUT (6)

[Organized April 11, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1937, 45. Posts, 19]

Department commander----- TRUMAN N. PARSONS,¹ Stratford.
Senior vice department commander----- HENRY L. LANKTON,¹ Wethersfield.
Junior vice department commander----- NATHAN COE, Newington.
Assistant adjutant general----- EDWARD T. ABBOTT, Bridgeport.

REPRESENTATIVES

Andrew McGregor, Meriden.
 William H. Singleton,¹ New Haven.

ALTERNATES

Andrew Dean, Manchester.
 Loomis Schofield, New Canaan.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Edward Harland,² 1867.
 Theodore G. Ellis,² 1868-69.
 William A. Mallory,² 1870-71.
 L. A. Dickinson,² 1872-73.
 Charles S. Buckbee,² 1874-75.
 William E. Disbrow,² 1876-77.
 Frank G. Otis,² 1878.
 Frank E. Fowler,² 1878-79.
 George S. Smith,² 1880.
 Alfred B. Beers,² 1881.
 Ira E. Hicks,² 1882.
 Isaac C. Hyatt,² 1883.
 William Berry,² 1884.
 Frank D. Sloat,² 1885.
 John T. Crary,² 1886.
 Henry E. Taintor,² 1887.
 Samuel B. Horne,² 1888.
 William H. Pierpont,² 1889.
 John C. Broatch,² 1890.
 Henry N. Fanton,² 1891.
 Benajah P. Smith,² 1892.
 Wilbur F. Rogers,² 1893.
 Selah G. Blakeman,² 1894.
 John M. Brewer,² 1895.
 Oscar W. Cornish,² 1896.
 Gustav D. Bates,² 1897.
 William Simonds,² 1898.
 Henry R. Jones,² 1899.
 John K. Bucklyn,² 1900.
 Thomas Boudren,² 1901.
 N. Burton Rogers,² 1902.
 Morgan G. Bulkeley,² 1903.
 William C. Hilliard,² 1904.
 Albert A. May,² 1905.

Virgil F. McNeil,² 1906.
 Charles A. Appel,² 1907.
 Edward Griswold,² 1908.
 George Haven,² 1909.
 Edson S. Bishop,¹² 1910.
 Richard J. Cutbill,² 1911.
 William H. Dougal,² 1912.
 James R. Sloane,² 1913.
 Fred V. Streeter,² 1914.
 Charles Griswold,² 1915.
 Henry J. Seeley,² 1916.
 Benjamin H. Cheney,² 1917.
 Christian Quien,² 1918.
 George T. Meech,² 1919.
 Randolph Williamson,² 1920.
 Christian Swartz,² 1921.
 Orrin M. Price,² 1922.
 John L. Saxe,² 1923.
 Ira R. Wildman,¹ Danbury, 1924.
 James W. Davis,² 1925.
 James R. Young,² 1926.
 Charles M. Shailer,² 1927.
 George A. Tucker,² 1928.
 James Haggerty,² 1929.
 Frank A. Cargill,² 1930.
 Henry W. Burrill,² 1931.
 Lewis L. Baker,¹ New London, 1932.
 Edward T. Abbott,³ Bridgeport, 1933.
 Lyman H. Call,² 1934.
 Casper D. Wallace,² 1935.
 Edward A. Pinkney,² 1936 died in office
 Russell Van Deusen, Bridgeport, 1936.
 Charles Douglas, New Haven, 1937.

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ National council of administration.¹² Not a member of the order.

DELAWARE (23)

[Organized January 14, 1881. Membership, December 31, 1937, 18. Posts, 4]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	JACOB C. STEELE, State Road.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	AUGUSTUS OWENS, Dover.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	HENRY BANZETT, Dover.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	R. G. BUCKINGHAM, Newark.

REPRESENTATIVE	ALTERNATE
Dallas M. See, Queen Anne, Md.	James B. Lytle, Berlin, Md.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William S. McNair, ² 1881.	William Mendenhall, ² 1911.
John Wainwright, ² 1882.	Jesse K. Baylis, ² 1912.
Daniel Ross, ² 1883.	J. R. Armstrong, ² 1913.
C. M. Carey, ² 1884.	J. T. Rheims, ² 1914.
J. S. Litzenberg, ² 1885.	John P. Riley, ² 1915.
J. M. Dunn, ² 1886.	S. Sherwood Johnson, ² 1916.
J. E. Mowbrey, ² 1887.	J. T. Alexander, ² 1917.
R. G. Buckingham, ¹⁰ Newark, 1888.	Orrin J. Cook, ² 1918.
Peter B. Ayars, ² 1889.	R. Harry Williams, ² 1919.
Samuel Lewis, ² 1890.	C. A. W. Frishmuth, ² 1920.
A. J. Woodman, ² 1891.	William A. Truitt, ² 1921.
G. W. Stradley, ² 1892.	Charles Zerby, ² 1922.
B. D. Bogia, ² 1893.	Nathaniel L. Henderson, ² 1923.
J. E. Vantine, ² 1894.	Charles R. Lewis, ² 1924.
E. F. Wood, ² 1895.	William H. Middleton, ² 1925.
William B. Norton, ² 1896.	R. G. Buckingham, ¹⁰ Newark, 1926.
J. S. Bradley, ² 1897.	William Buckius, ² 1927.
Robert Liddell, ² 1898.	Charles S. Waters, ² 1928.
William H. Moystin, ² 1899.	James T. Twigg, ² 1929.
William A. Reilly, ² 1900.	James Lynn, ² 1930.
John W. Worall, ² 1901.	Moses Weil, ² 1931 (died in office).
John C. Garner, ² 1902.	James Lynn, ² 1931.
William G. Baugh, Sr., ² 1903.	James T. Twigg, ² 1932.
William Kelley, Jr., ² 1904.	George W. Weldin, ² 1933.
William Tharp, ² 1905.	W. Harry Patterson, ² 1934.
Ira Lunt, ² 1906.	Lewis Morse, ² 1935 (died in office).
Jesse Hellings, ² 1907.	Thomas J. Hammonds, ³ Cheswold, 1935-36.
H. W. Perkins, ² 1908.	Jacob C. Steele, ⁵ State Road, 1937
William H. Blake, ² 1909.	
George C. Morton, ² 1910.	

² Deceased.
³ National council of administration.
⁵ Department commander.
¹⁰ Assistant adjutant general.

FLORIDA (36)

[Organized June 19, 1884. Membership, December 31, 1937, 32. Posts, 5]

Department commander----- C. J. ROSE,¹ Miami.
Senior vice department commander----- W. C. RUSSELL, St. Cloud.
Junior vice department commander----- CHAS. W. ELDRIDGE,³ St. Petersburg
Assistant adjutant general----- IRVIN HUTCHINSON, Miami.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

T. S. Wilmarth, ² 1884-85.	William S. Siggins, ² 1913.
G. H. Norton, ² 1886.	Lyman Leighton, ² 1914.
E. W. Henck, ² 1887.	James F. Bullard, ² 1915.
William James, ² 1888.	W. H. Melrath, ² 1916.
J. W. V. R. Plummer, ² 1889.	John A. Wallace, ² 1917.
Fred S. Goodrich, ⁶ 1890.	H. B. Jeffries, ² 1918.
John H. Welsh, ⁶ 1891.	Theodore W. B. Brake, ² 1919 (died in office).
J. De V. Hazzard, ² 1892.	George E. Field, ² 1919.
George F. Foote, ² 1893.	Imri A. Spencer, ² 1920.
David L. Way, ² 1894.	G. W. Brown, ² 1921.
P. E. McMurray, ² 1895.	C. J. Rose, ^{1 5} Miami, 1922.
L. V. Jenness, ² 1896.	Samuel Sage, ² 1923.
Charles M. Ellis, ² 1897.	James Campbell, St. Cloud, 1924.
George Packwood, ² 1898.	A. C. Shaffer, ² 1925 (died in office).
Edwin Kirby, ² 1899.	J. A. Brown, ² 1925 (died in office).
J. S. Fairhead, ² 1900.	J. H. DeGraw, ² 1926.
F. C. Parcell, ² 1901.	A. R. Sawyer, ² 1926.
S. Herbert Lancy, ² 1902.	Wayne W. Blossom, ² 1927.
J. F. Chase, ² 1903.	D. S. Hunter, ² 1928.
Henry Marcotte, ² 1904.	A. W. Lathrop, ² 1929.
Thomas J. Owen, ² 1905.	C. E. Beach, ² 1930.
William E. Emerson, ² 1906.	James H. Simpson, ² 1931.
Samuel W. Fox, ² 1907.	Logan J. Dyke, Union City, Pa., 1932.
S. R. Hudson, ² 1908.	D. S. Hunter, ² 1933-35.
James Skinner, ² 1909.	C. H. Parker, ² 1936.
James O. Thompson, ² 1910.	Charles W. Eldredge, ³ St. Petersburg, 1937.
Joseph Bumby, ² 1911.	
William P. Lynch, ² 1912.	
S. H. Wood, ² 1905, transferred from Vermont.	
C. E. Beach, ² 1908, transferred from Vermont.	
A. P. Rounseville, ² 1895, transferred from North Dakota.	
Samuel Baughman, ² 1926, transferred from Kansas.	
F. M. Underwood, Knoxville, Tenn., 1915; 1934-37, transferred from Tennessee.	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Henry C. Clark, St. Cloud, 1931; 1935.
 H. F. Drake, St. Cloud, 1934; 1935, transferred from Kentucky.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

A. U. Cooley, St. Cloud, 1930.	H. W. Strong, St. Petersburg, 1931.
Irvin Hutchinson, ¹⁰ Miami, 1937.	

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ National council of administration.⁵ Department commander.⁶ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.¹⁰ Assistant adjutant general.

IDAHO (39)

[Organized January 11, 1888. Membership, December 31, 1937, 13. Posts, 6]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	ELISHA WHITE, Boise.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	ELDER SMITH, Idaho City.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	F. J. TITUS, Nampa.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	ALBERT G. JONES, ¹ Boise.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Nye, ² 1888.	H. J. Newhouse, ² 1914.
A. S. Senter, ² 1889.	William H. Cable, ² 1915.
W. T. Riley, ² 1890.	R. H. Barnes, ² 1916.
Judson Spofford, ² 1891.	George F. Kimery, ² 1917.
A. O. Ingalls, ² 1892.	F. T. Page, ² 1918.
R. H. Barton, ² 1893.	Silas Wilson, ² 1919 (see California and Nevada).
T. J. Groome, ² 1894.	John Carr, ² 1920.
D. H. Budlong, ² 1895.	William S. Hawkes, ² 1921.
J. L. Fuller, ² 1896.	William Bower, ² 1922.
Lindol Smith, ² 1897.	F. J. Titus, ⁴ Nampa, 1923.
N. F. Kimball, ² 1898.	C. L. Longley, ² 1924.
S. L. Thompson, ² 1899.	George Gardner, ² 1925.
Charles A. Clark, ² 1900.	John S. Thorn, ² 1926.
William C. Maxey, ² 1901.	R. P. Drury, ² 1927.
George M. Parsons, ² 1902.	W. J. Neely, ² 1928.
E. S. Whittier, ² 1903.	Otto F. Steen, ² 1929.
C. F. Drake, ² 1904.	S. H. McCullough, ² 1930.
George A. Manning, ² 1905.	W. H. Johns, ² 1931.
Alfred Anderson, ² 1906.	Jeremiah Williams, Boise, 1932.
A. M. Rowe, ² 1907.	T. W. Johnston, ² 1933 (died in office).
William K. Jameson, ² 1908.	George N. Kingsbury, ¹ Emmett, 1934.
Stewart Young, ² 1909.	E. A. Paddock, Weiser, 1934.
Willard White, ² 1910.	Frank Williams, ² 1935.
M. W. Wood, ² 1911.	George N. Kingsbury, ^{1 5} Emmett, 1936.
J. W. Shields, ² 1912.	James P. Taylor, ^{1 3} Boise, 1937.
A. G. Nettleton, ² 1913.	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Albert G. Jones,^{1 10} Boise, 1936 ; 1937.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

J. O. Miles, Coeur d' Alene, 1937.

¹ Present.
² Deceased.
³ National council of administration.
⁴ Junior vice department commander.
⁵ Department commander, 1934.
¹⁰ Assistant adjutant general.

ILLINOIS (1)

[Organized April 6, 1866. Membership, December 31, 1937, 208. Posts, 80]

Department commander----- JOHN E. ANDREW,^{1 13} Quincy.
Senior vice department commander----- M. K. BIRCH, Sullivan.
Junior vice department commander----- JACOB LUCHSINGER,¹ De Pue.
Assistant adjutant general----- ARTHUR DAWSON,^{1 13} Oak Park.

REPRESENTATIVES

Wm. M. Livingston, Peoria.
 James H. Lewis,¹ Chicago.
 Elijah Jones,¹ Springfield.
 Hiram H. Shumate,¹ Riverton.

ALTERNATES

C. H. Collins, Decatur.
 Charles La Grange, Potomac.
 Henry Stanley, Chicago.
 Wm. Glenn, Belleville.
 Richard W. Gainey,¹ Moline.
 Augusts B. Smith,¹ Whitehall.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Stephenson,² 1866.
 John M. Palmer,² 1867.
 Thomas S. Osborne,² 1868-70.
 Charles E. Lippincott,² 1871
 Hubert Dilger,² 1872.
 Guy T. Gould,² 1873.
 H. H. Hilliard,² 1874-76.
 Joseph S. Reynolds,² 1877 (see California and Nevada).
 T. B. Coulter,² 1878.
 Edgar D. Swain,² 1879-80.
 J. W. Burst,² 1881.
 Thomas G. Lawler,² 1882.
 Samuel A. Harper,² 1883.
 L. T. Dickason,² 1884.
 W. W. Berry,² 1885.
 Philip Sidney Post,² 1886.
 A. C. Sweetser,² 1887.
 James A. Sexton,² 1888.
 James S. Martin,² 1889.
 William L. Distin,² 1890.
 Horace S. Clark,² 1891.
 Edwin Harlan,² 1892.
 Edwin A. Blodgett,² 1893.
 H. H. McDowell,² 1894.
 William H. Powell,² 1895.
 W. G. Cochran,² 1896.
 A. L. Schimpff,² 1897.
 John C. Black,² 1898.
 John B. Inman,² 1899.
 J. M. Longnecker,² 1900.
 N. B. Thistlewood,² 1901.
 H. M. Trimble,² 1902.
 Benson Wood,² 1903.
 Robert Mann Woods,² 1904.

John C. Smith,² 1905.
 Edwin H. Buck,² 1906.
 A. C. Mathews,² 1907.
 Joseph Rosenbaum,² 1908.
 Philip C. Hayes,² 1909.
 James A. Connolly,² 1910.
 C. C. Duffy,² 1911.
 Thomas H. Gault,² 1912.
 J. H. Crowder,² 1913.
 Samuel Fallows,² 1914.
 John M. Snyder,² 1915.
 W. F. Calhoun,² 1916.
 C. S. Bentley,² 1917.
 Joseph W. Fifer,² 1918.
 Henry D. Fulton,² 1919.
 Edwin N. Armstrong,² 1920.
 William P. Wright,² 1921.
 E. P. Bartlett,² 1922 (died in office).
 J. M. Oulson,² 1922.
 William J. Libberton,² 1923.
 Philip Smith,² 1924.
 O. R. Kenney,² 1925.
 John E. Andrew,^{1 13} Quincy, 1926.
 D. H. Harper,² 1927.
 Charles T. Marsh,² 1928.
 H. B. Davidson,² 1929.
 A. C. Best,² 1930.
 James H. Campbell,² 1931.
 H. C. First,² 1932 (died in office).
 Wm. O'Callaghan,² 1932.
 George A. Robinson,² 1933.
 William N. Hodge, Decatur, 1934.
 Thomas Ambrose,^{1 3} Chicago, 1935.
 William N. Hodge,⁵ Decatur, 1936.
 John E. Andrew,^{1 13} Quincy, 1937.

Milton J. Stewart,² 1885, transferred from Kansas.
 Charles M. Travis,² 1889, transferred from Indiana.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

F. B. Kemp, Decatur, 1937.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

A. H. Roberts, Murphysboro, 1930.
 Milton Myers, Park Ridge, 1935.

Albert E. Gage,¹ Chicago, 1937.

¹ Present.² Deceased.¹³ Past junior vice commander in chief.³ National council of administration.⁵ Department commander, 1934.

INDIANA (20)

[Organized August 20, 1866; reorganized October 3, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1937, 138. Posts, 45]

Department commander-----JOHN H. STONE,¹ Kokomo.
Senior vice department commander-----EDWARD W. McCLELLAND,³ Muncie.
Junior vice department commander-----LEVI P. KELTNER, Anderson.
Assistant adjutant general-----JOSEPH B. HENNINGER,¹ Indianapolis.

REPRESENTATIVE

A. R. Royster,¹ Indianapolis

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Robert S. Foster, ² 1866; 1868.	Orlando A. Somers, ² 1909.
Nathan Kimball, ² 1867.	Alexander P. Asbury, ² 1910.
Oliver M. Wilson, ² 1869.	Daniel Waugh, ² 1911.
Louis Humphrey, ² 1870-71.	Frank Swigart, ² 1912 (died in office).
Jonathan B. Hagar, ² 1879.	Wilbur E. Gorsuch, ² 1912.
Samuel E. Armstrong, ² 1880.	Daniel W. Comstock, ² 1913.
William W. Dudley, ² 1881.	A. B. Crampton, ² 1914.
James R. Carnahan, ² 1882-83.	Lewis King, ² 1915.
Edwin Nicar, ² 1884.	V. V. Williams, ² 1916.
David N. Foster, ² 1885.	Samuel M. Hensch, ² 1917.
Thomas W. Bennett, ² 1886.	Alonzo Murphy, ² 1918.
Ira J. Chase, ² 1887.	William F. Medsker, ² 1919.
Argus D. Vanosdol, ² 1888.	Robert W. McBride, ² 1920.
Chas. M. Travis, ² 1889 (see Illinois).	Richard H. Tyner, ² 1921.
Gil R. Stormont, ² 1890.	William A. Kelsey, ² 1922.
Ivan N. Walker, ² 1891.	Albert J. Ball, ² 1923.
Joseph B. Cheadle, ² 1892.	F. M. VanPelt, ² 1924.
James T. Johnston, ² 1893.	David Strouse, ² 1925.
Albert O. Marsh, ² 1894.	James W. Spain, ² 1926.
Harvey B. Shively, ² 1895.	John H. Hoffman, ² 1927.
Henry M. Caylor, ² 1896.	W. F. Molyneaux, ² 1928.
James S. Dodge, ² 1897.	Charles E. Hale, ² 1929.
Daniel Ryan, ² 1898.	Isaac B. Austin, ² 1930 (died in office).
William L. Dunlap, ² 1899.	James Kilmartin, ² 1930.
David E. Beem, ² 1900.	F. M. McNair, ² 1931.
Milton Garrigus, ² 1901.	James Bowden, ² 1932.
Benjamin Starr, ² 1902.	Jasper N. Callicott, ² 1933.
George W. Grubbs, ² 1903.	John F. McKinley, ² 1934 (died in office).
Daniel R. Lucas, ² 1904.	Edward McClelland, ³ Muncie, 1935.
Marine D. Tackett, ² 1905.	Quincey A. Hunt, ² 1936.
Edmund R. Brown, ² 1906.	John H. Stone, ^{1 6} Kokomo, 1937.
William A. Ketcham, ² 1907.	
John D. Alexander, ² 1908.	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

A. L. Akers, Indianapolis, 1934.	Wm. Ziegler, Logansport, 1937.
Joseph Thompson, ¹ Solsbury, 1936.	

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Henry Rogers, ¹ Rockville, 1934.	Isaac N. Sharp, ¹ Warsaw, 1936.
William Matthews, Centerville, 1935.	James H. Clark, ¹ Indianapolis, 1937.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.

⁶ Department commander.

IOWA (19)

[Organized September, 1866; reorganized January 23, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1937, 136. Posts, 17]

Department commander-----MICHAEL HAWK,¹ Sioux City.
Senior vice department commander-----FRANK L. QUADE,¹ Dubuque.
Junior vice department commander-----W. P. ALLRED,¹ Corydon.
Assistant adjutant general-----THOMAS J. NOLL,^{1 3} Des Moines.

REPRESENTATIVES

J. P. McDonough,¹ Ottumwa.
 Eugene Allen, Cedar Rapids.
 Nicholas T. Welles, Marcus.
 Charles Hamilton, Ames.

ALTERNATES

David B. Sisk,¹ Marshalltown.
 Fred Fisher,¹ Humeston.
 Nathan G. Thorne,¹ Mason City.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Parrott, ² 1874-75.	H. A. Dyer, ² 1910.
A. A. Perkins, ² 1876-78.	Lot Abraham, ² 1911.
H. E. Griswold, ² 1879.	J. D. Brown, ² 1912.
W. F. Conrad, ² 1880.	J. W. Willett, ^{1 15} Tama, 1913.
Peter V. Carey, ² 1881.	Byron C. Ward, ² 1914.
George B. Hogin, ² 1882.	John F. Merry, ² 1915.
John B. Cook, ² 1883.	John H. Mills, ² 1916.
E. G. Miller, ² 1884.	J. L. Farrington, ² 1917.
W. R. Manning, ² 1885.	E. J. C. Bealer, ² 1918.
W. A. McHenry, ² 1886.	A. G. Beatty, ² 1919.
J. M. Tuttle, ² 1887.	R. L. Chase, ² 1920.
E. A. Consigny, ² 1888.	J. B. Harsh, ² 1921.
Charles H. Smith, ² 1889.	L. J. Kron, ² 1922.
Mason P. Mills, ² 1890.	W. W. Gist, ² 1923 (died in office).
Charles L. Davidson, ² 1891.	W. S. Freeman, ² 1923.
J. J. Steadman, ¹⁴ Hollywood, Calif., 1892.	W. H. Needham, ² 1924 (died in office).
Phil. Schaller, ² 1893.	D. B. Cowles, ² 1924 (died in office).
George A. Newman, ² 1894.	Orlando S. Hartman, ² 1925.
J. K. P. Thompson, ² 1895.	Frank Dagle, ² 1925.
Josiah Given, ² 1896.	E. J. Stonebraker, ² 1926.
A. H. Evans, ² 1897.	Oley Nelson, ² 1927.
R. W. Tirrell, ² 1898.	J. W. Stratton, ² 1928.
C. F. Bailey, ² 1899.	John K. Ewing, ² 1929 (died in office).
M. B. Davis, ² 1900.	Joseph Pratt, ² 1930.
George Metzger, ² 1901.	Watson Risdien, ² 1930.
John Lindt, ² 1902.	John T. Lucas, ² 1931.
L. B. Raymond, ² 1903.	Thomas J. Noll, ^{1 3} Grinnell, 1932.
R. T. St. John, ² 1904.	Frank L. Quade, ^{1 16} Dubuque, 1933.
S. H. Harper, ² 1905.	L. J. Leech, ² 1934.
C. A. Clark, ² 1906.	Horace B. Kelly, ² 1935 (died in office).
D. J. Palmer, ² 1907.	J. C. Hanes, Des Moines, 1935.
J. C. Milliman, ² 1908.	John P. Risley, ² 1937 (died in office).
M. McDonald, ² 1909.	Michael Hawk, ^{1 5} Sioux City, 1938.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

E. P. Taylor, Fairfield, 1926.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.

⁵ Department commander.

¹⁴ Transferred to California and Nevada.

¹⁵ Judge advocate general.

¹⁶ Senior vice department commander.

KANSAS (22)

[Organized December 7, 1866; reorganized March 16, 1880. Membership, December 31, 1936, 128. Posts, 41]

Department commander----- PHILIP WEINRICH,¹ Winfield.
Senior vice department commander----- T. B. WILLIAMS,¹ Chapman.
Junior vice department commander----- J. W. PRICKETT, Wamego.
Assistant adjutant general----- A. A. GERE,¹ Topeka.

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATES
W. W. Basore, Neodesha.	Henry Biele, Chanute.
J. W. Malloy, ¹ Fort Dodge.	J. W. Bartleson, Beloit.
J. M. Hedrick, Topeka.	George Schrienier, Abilene.
Pryor Williams, Kansas City.	J. P. Fair, Mankato.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

John A. Martin, ² 1866-67.	Joel H. Rickel, ² 1909.
John Carpenter, ² 1868.	Nathan E. Harmon, ² 1910.
W. S. Jenkins, ² 1872 (see Missouri).	T. P. Anderson, ² 1911.
Stephen A. Cobb, ² 1873.	J. N. Harrison, ² 1912-13.
John Guthrie, ² 1876.	Ira D. Brougher, ² 1914.
J. H. Gilpatrick, ² 1877-78.	C. A. Meek, ² 1915.
J. C. Walkinshaw, ² 1879-82.	R. M. Painter, ² 1916.
Thomas J. Anderson, ² 1883.	A. C. Pierce, ² 1917.
Homer W. Pond, ² 1884.	W. W. Smith, ² 1918.
Milton J. Stewart, ² 1885 (see Illinois).	Theodore Gardner, ² 1919.
C. J. McDivett, ² 1886.	Joseph A. Walter, ² 1920.
T. H. Soward, ² 1887 (see Oklahoma).	George P. Washburn, ² 1921 (died in office).
J. W. Feighan, ² 1888.	E. W. Bowman, ² 1921.
Henry Booth, ² 1889.	William W. Dennison, ² 1922.
Ira A. Collins, ² 1890.	William H. Mitchell, ² 1923.
Timothy McCarthy, ² 1891.	Andrew Graff, ² 1924.
A. R. Green, ² 1892.	Fred Jackson, ² 1925.
Bernard Kelly, ² 1893.	Samuel Baugman, ² 1926 (see Florida).
W. P. Campbell, ² 1894.	R. H. McWhorter, ² 1927.
John P. Harris, ² 1895.	H. I. Merrill, ² 1928.
W. C. Whitney, ² 1896.	J. W. Priddy, ² 1929.
Theodore Botkin, ² 1897.	C. K. King, Kansas City, 1930.
D. W. Eastman, ² 1898 (see Oklahoma).	E. W. Phillips, Wichita, 1931.
O. H. Coulter, ² 1899 (see California and Nevada).	J. H. Harvey, ² 1932 (died in office).
W. W. Martin, ² 1900.	Grear Nagel, ² 1932 (died in office).
J. B. Remington, ² 1901.	H. W. Wardell, ² 1932.
H. C. Loomis, ² 1902.	W. B. Rhodes, Manhattan, 1933.
Abraham W. Smith, ² 1903.	W. W. Nixon, ^{1 3} Jewell, 1934.
Charles Harris, ² 1904.	A. O. Gere, ^{1 10} Stafford, 1935.
P. H. Coney, ² 1905-6.	J. H. Getty, Ottawa, 1936.
R. A. Campbell, ² 1907.	Henry Keller, Wilson, 1937.
W. A. Morgan, ² 1908.	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Al Garvin,¹ Troy, 1937.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Charles Wingrove,¹ Clay Center, 1936.

¹ Present.
² Deceased.
³ National council of administration.
¹⁰ Assistant adjutant general.

KENTUCKY (27)

[Organized January 16, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1937, 8. Posts, 4]

Department commander----- R. R. GRAHAM, Madisonville.
Senior vice department commander----- RICHARD TELLER, Louisville.
Junior vice department commander----- RICHARD LILLY, Anchorage.
Assistant adjutant general----- M. H. DAVIDSON,^{1 3} Louisville.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

J. C. Michie, ² 1883.	Sanford D. Van Pelt, ² 1910.
W. H. Harton, ² 1884.	Charles C. Degman, ² 1911.
George W. Northup, ² 1885.	John Barr, ² 1912.
William Bowman, ² 1887.	W. J. L. Hughes, ² 1913.
Orrin A. Reynolds, ² 1888.	Edward Farley, ² 1914.
Vincent Boreing, ² 1889.	John T. Gunn, ² 1915.
Michael Minton, ² 1890.	Sam D. Brown, ² 1916.
Samuel G. Hills, ² 1891.	J. R. Howard, ² 1917.
Edward H. Hobson, ² 1892.	T. A. Casey, ² 1918.
T. Edward Livezey, ² 1893.	Andrew Offut, ² 1919.
Daniel O'Riley, ² 1894.	M. H. Davidson, ^{1 3} Louisville, 1920.
Robert M. Kelly, ² 1895.	Jacob Seibert, ² 1921.
Americus Whedon, ² 1896.	John T. English, ² 1922.
Andrew J. Tharp, ² 1897.	E. F. Tucker, ² 1923.
J. W. Hammond, ² 1898.	C. C. Furr, ² 1924.
Joseph H. Browning, ² 1899.	J. D. Compton, ² 1925.
L. M. Drye, ² 1900.	Albert Scott, ² 1926 (died in office).
John Blaes, ² 1901.	Cyrus Edwards, Horse Cave, 1926-28.
T. F. Beyland, ² 1902.	John T. Thompson, Greensburg, Ind., 1929.
W. G. Force, ² 1903.	Robert T. Smith, Horse Cave, 1930-33.
William T. Bausmith, ² 1904.	Charles L. Dudley, Flemingsburg, 1934-36.
Bernard Matthews, ² 1905.	R. R. Graham, ^{1 5} Madisonville, 1937.
George Grimstead ² 1906.	
Le Vant Dodge, ² 1907-08.	
R. B. Hewetson, ² 1909.	

LOUISIANA AND MISSISSIPPI (35)

[Organized as the Department of the Gulf, May 15, 1884; changed to Louisiana and Mississippi June 13, 1888. Membership, December 31, 1937, 39. Posts, 4]

Department commander-----WM. ROCHESTER,³ Natchez, Miss.
Senior vice department commander-----M. HENDERSON, Vicksburg, Miss.
Junior vice department commander-----HENRY CAMPBELL, Baton Rouge, La.
Assistant adjutant general-----E. A. ROBINSON, Morgan City, La.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William Roy, ² 1884.	James Lewis, ² 1908.
J. W. Scully, ² 1885 (see Georgia and South Carolina).	J. A. Brookshire, ² 1909.
A. S. Badger, ² 1886-92.	E. K. Russ, ⁶ 1910-15.
Charles H. Shute, ² 1893.	E. T. Gipson, ² 1916-18.
Charles W. Keeting, ² 1894-99.	H. N. Singleton, ² 1919.
F. C. Antoine, ² 1900.	John Pierce, ² 1920.
Paul Bruce, ² 1901.	Lewis Sherman, ⁶ 1921.
Charles W. Keeting, ² 1902-04.	E. J. Herman, ⁶ 1922.
J. S. Davidson, ⁶ 1905.	Elihu A. Robinson, ¹⁰ Morgan City, La. 1923-27.
P. H. Boyle, ² 1906-07.	William Rochester, ³ Natchez, 1927-37.

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ National council of administration.⁵ Department commander.⁶ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.¹⁰ Assistant adjutant general.

MAINE (9)

[Organized January 10, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1937, 72. Posts, 19]

Department commander----- JOHN W. PALMER,¹ Waldoboro.
Senior vice department commander----- FRANK J. SAVAGE,¹ Fairfield.
Junior vice department commander----- NATHAN HALLOWELL, South China.
Assistant adjutant general----- JOSEPH W. LAKE,¹ Kennebunkport.

REPRESENTATIVES

George H. Jones,¹ Oxford

| Thomas N. Ayer, Alna

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George L. Beal,² 1868-69.
 Charles P. Mattocks,² 1870-71.
 Daniel White,² 1872-73.
 Seldon Connor,² 1874-75.
 Nelson Howard,² 1876.
 John D. Myrick,² 1877.
 Augustus C. Hamlin,² 1878.
 Windsor B. Smith,² 1879.
 Isaac S. Bangs,² 1880.
 William G. Haskell,² 1881.
 Augustus B. Farnham,² 1882.
 Elisha M. Shaw,² 1883.
 Benjamin Williams,² 1884.
 James A. Hall,² 1885.
 Samuel W. Lane,² 1886.
 Richard K. Gatley,² 1887.
 Horace H. Burbank,² 1888.
 Franklin M. Drew,² 1889.
 John D. Anderson,² 1890.
 Samuel L. Miller,² 1891.
 Isaac Dyer,² 1892.
 Wainwright, Cushing,² 1893.
 J. Wesley Gilman,² 1894.
 William H. Green,² 1895.
 Lorenzo J. Carver,² 1896.
 Leroy T. Carleton,² 1897.
 Charles A. Southard,² 1898.
 Frederick Robie,² 1899.
 Seth T. Snipe,² 1900.
 William Z. Clayton,² 1901.
 James L. Merrick,² 1902.
 Joshua L. Chamberlain,² 1903.
 Edwin C. Milliken,² 1904.
 Henry O. Perry,² 1905.

Frederick S. Walls,² 1906.
 Frank F. Goss,² 1907.
 Woodbury K. Dana,² 1908.
 Augustus W. McCausland,² 1909.
 John W. Webster,² 1910.
 Edwin Riley,² 1911.
 William H. Holston,² 1912.
 John F. Lamb,² 1913.
 Thomas S. Benson,² 1914.
 Simon S. Andrews,² 1915.
 Tobias L. Eastman,² 1916.
 John Quincy Adams,² 1917.
 Fred A. Motley,² 1918.
 George W. Goulding,² 1919.
 Henry E. Merriam,² 1920.
 Edward A. Butler,² 1921.
 George A. Gay,² 1922.
 Ezekiel H. Hanson,² 1923.
 Charles E. Nason,² 1924.
 Albert R. Hill,² 1925.
 Nathaniel W. White,² 1926.
 Nahum H. Pillsbury,² 1927.
 Nelson R. Brown,² 1928.
 Samuel F. Emerson,¹ Skowhegan, 1929.
 F. S. Philbrick,² 1930.
 Simon C. Hastings,² 1931.
 John W. Fogler,^{1,3} Skowhegan, 1932.
 George T. Benson, Oakland, 1933.
 John B. Sawtelle,¹ Oakland, 1934.
 Joseph W. Lake,^{1,10} Kennebunkport, 1935.
 Charles F. Tibbetts,² 1936
 Oliver N. Leavitt, Portland, 1937.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

C. H. George, South Paris, 1928.

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ National council of administration.¹⁰ Assistant adjutant general.

MARYLAND (16)

[Organized January 8, 1868; reorganized June 9, 1876. Membership, December 31, 1937, 9. Posts, 0]

Department commander----- JOHN LIDDELL, Baltimore.
Senior vice department commander----- JOHN N. YOUNG, Baltimore.
Junior vice department commander-----
Assistant adjutant general----- CHARLES F. DANIELS, Baltimore.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Andrew W. Denison,² 1867-69.
 E. W. Goldsborough,² 1870.
 E. T. Daneker,² 1871.
 Adams E. King,² 1872.
 E. B. Tyler,² 1876-78.
 W. E. Griffith,² 1879.
 W. E. W. Ross,² 1880-81.
 Graham Dukehart,² 1882.
 John Suter,² 1883.
 Frank M. Smith,² 1884.
 John W. Horn,² 1885.
 George W. F. Vernon,² 1886.
 Henry P. Underhill,² 1887.
 Theodore F. Lang,² 1888.
 George F. Wheeler,² 1889.
 George R. Graham,² 1890.
 Joseph C. Hill,² 1891.
 Wallace A. Bartlett,² 1892.
 Frank Nolen,² 1893.
 Myron I. Rose,² 1894.
 Oliver A. Horner,² 1895.
 A. S. Cooper,² 1896.
 George W. Johnson,² 1897.
 David L. Stanton,² 1898.

Lewis M. Zimmerman,² 1899.
 John R. King,² 1900.
 John G. Taylor,² 1901.
 John W. Worth,² 1902.
 William Stahl,² 1903.
 James Campbell,² 1904.
 Richard N. Bowerman,² 1905.
 George Prechtel,² 1906.
 Fred C. Tarr,² 1907.
 Robert C. Sunstrom,² 1908.
 Benjamin F. Taylor,² 1909.
 William P. Vannort,² 1910.
 John T. Holmes,² 1911.
 George Pretchel,² 1912.
 Charles N. Emich,² 1913.
 Albert K. Young,² 1914.
 Joseph Brooks,² 1915.
 James E. Van Sant,² 1916.
 E. Walter Giles,² 1917-18.
 George T. Leech,³ Baltimore,,
 1919-35.
 Julius Rosenthal,² 1936-38 (died in
 office).

² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.

MASSACHUSETTS (7)

[Organized May 7, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1937, 193. Posts, 66]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	JOSEPH F. STODDARD, ¹ Chelsea.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	CHARLES A. MILES, Stoughton.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	DUDLEY L. PAGE, ¹ Lowell.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE W. GREEN, ¹ Boston.

REPRESENTATIVES

Prince A. Phinney, Brookline.
 Dennis Driscoll, Roslindale.
 Charles F. Staples, Leominster.
 Samuel Snow,¹ Marblehead.

ALTERNATES

William F. Dodge, Lynn.
 Hiram S. Faunce, Randolph.
 William Henry Burns, Attleboro.
 Gilbert D. Streeter,¹ Orange.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Austin S. Cushman,² 1866-67.
 A. B. R. Sprague,² 1868.
 Francis A. Osborn,² 1869.
 James L. Bates,² 1870.
 William Cogswell,² 1871.
 Henry R. Sibley,⁶ 1872.
 Adin B. Underwood,² 1873.
 John W. Kimball,² 1874.
 George S. Merrill,² 1875.
 Horace B. Sargent,² 1876-78.
 John G. B. Adams,² 1879.
 John A. Hawes,² 1880.
 George W. Creasey,² 1881.
 George H. Patch,² 1882.
 George S. Evans,² 1883.
 John D. Billings,² 1884.
 John W. Hersey,² 1885.
 Richard F. Tobin,² 1886.
 Charles D. Nash,² 1887.
 Myron P. Walker,² 1888.
 George L. Goodale,² 1889.
 George H. Innis,² 1890.
 Arthur A. Smith,² 1891.
 James K. Churchill,² 1892.
 Eli W. Hall,² 1893.
 Wilfred A. Wetherbee,² 1894.
 Joseph W. Thayer,² 1895.
 William P. Derby,² 1896.
 John M. Deane,² 1897.
 William H. Bartlett,² 1898.
 John E. Gilman,² 1899.
 Peter D. Smith,² 1900.
 Silas A. Barton,² 1901.
 W. W. Blackmar,² 1902.
 Dwight O. Judd,² 1903.

Lucius Field,² 1904.
 James H. Wolff,² 1905.
 J. Payson Bradley,² 1906.
 Daniel H. L. Gleason,² 1907.
 Alfred S. Roe,² 1908.
 John L. Parker,² 1909.
 J. Willard Brown,² 1910 (died in office).
 Granville C. Fiske,² 1910-11.
 George A. Hosley,² 1912.
 Thomas J. Ames,² 1913.
 John M. Woods,² 1914.
 Alfred H. Knowles,² 1915.
 Francis E. Mole,² 1916.
 Daniel E. Denny,² 1917.
 Edwin P. Stanley,² 1918.
 George W. Wilder,² 1919.
 Horace Goodwin,² 1920.
 Edwin F. Morrill,² 1921.
 Henry Clark,² 1922.
 George W. Pratt,² 1923.
 Benjamin A. Ham,² 1924.
 William L. Gage,² 1925 (died in office).
 Henry H. Comey,² 1925.
 William F. Brown,² 1926 (died in office).
 Henry A. Monk,² 1927.
 Edwin J. Foster,¹⁷ Worcester, 1928.
 James H. Webb,² 1929.
 Alvin C. Howes,² 1930 (died in office).
 Waldo Turner,² 1930-31.
 Edwin H. Lincoln,^{1 18} Pittsfield, 1932.
 Frederick H. Bishop,² 1933.
 George A. Gay,¹ Nashua, N. H., 1934.
 George W. Green,¹⁰ Jamaica Plain, 1935.
 Charles L. Robinson, Melrose, 1936.
 John E. Bronson,³ East Dedham, 1937.

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ National council of administration.⁶ Honors lost by withdrawal from the order.¹⁰ Assistant adjutant general.¹⁷ Past commander in chief.¹⁸ Past senior vice commander in chief.

MICHIGAN (18)

[Organized May 6, 1868; reorganized January 22, 1879. Membership, December 31, 1937, 76. Posts, 34]

Department commander----- A. C. ESTABROOK,^{1 3} Grand Rapids.
Senior vice department commander----- GILBERT LACROIX, Mount Clemens.
Junior vice department commander----- WILLIAM PARKER, Lake Odessa.
Assistant adjutant general----- S. H. CARLTON,¹ Kalamazoo.

REPRESENTATIVES

David Plumadore, Detroit.
 M. J. Warner, Grand Rapids.
 Lemuel Tingley, Ionia.

ALTERNATE

A. F. Chappell,¹ Detroit.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

R. A. Alger (provisional),² 1867.
 William A. Throop,² 1868.
 William Humphrey,² 1869-70.
 C. V. R. Pond,² 1878-79.
 A. T. McReynolds,² 1880.
 Byron R. Pierce,² 1881-82.
 Oscar A. Janes,² 1883.
 Rush J. Shank,² 1884.
 Charles D. Long,² 1885.
 John Northwood,² 1886.
 L. G. Rutherford,² 1887.
 Washington Gardner,² 1888.
 Michael Brown,² 1889 (see Montana).
 Henry M. Duffield,² 1890.
 Charles L. Eaton,² 1891.
 Henry S. Dean,² 1892.
 James H. Kidd,² 1893.
 Louis Kanitz,² 1894.
 S. B. Daboll,² 1895.
 William Shakespeare,² 1896.
 Aaron T. Bliss,² 1897.
 Alex Patrick,² 1898.
 Russell R. Pealer,² 1899.
 Ethel M. Allen,² 1900.
 James Van Kleeck,² 1901.
 Edward C. Anthony,² 1902.
 D. B. K. Van Raalte,² 1903.
 George H. Hopkins,² 1904.
 E. C. Cannon,² 1905.
 Joseph P. Griswold,² 1906.
 William Jibb,² 1907.

Charles E. Foote,² 1908 (died in office).
 George L. Holmes,² 1908.
 James M. Greenfield,² 1909.
 Samuel J. Lawrence,² 1910.
 George W. Stone,² 1911.
 John T. Spillane,² 1912.
 Frank R. Chase,² 1913.
 Riley L. Jones,² 1914.
 Henry C. Rankin,² 1915 (died in office).
 Eli Strong,² 1915.
 L. H. Ives,² 1916.
 William O. Lee,² 1917.
 David S. Howard,² 1918.
 Edwin F. Lamb,² 1919.
 Henry Spaulding,² 1920.
 J. J. Holmes,² 1921.
 William Mears,² 1922.
 Lyman A. L. Gilbert,² 1923.
 Marvin C. Barney,² 1924.
 John Steel,² 1925.
 James R. Stephenson,² 1926.
 Charles A. Bartlett,² 1927.
 A. C. Estabrook,^{1 3} Grand Rapids,
 1928-30.
 Orestus Blake,² 1931-32.
 C. M. Cook,² 1933 (died in office).
 John Killeen, Jackson, 1933.
 Frank D. Keeler,² 1934.
 Ira M. Stewart, Petoskey, 1935-36.
 S. H. Carlton,^{1 10} Kalamazoo, 1937.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Eugene Owen, Grand Rapids, 1933.

| J. F. Beaumont, Milford, 1937.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.

¹⁰ Assistant adjutant general.

MINNESOTA (24)

[Organized August 14, 1867; reorganized August 17, 1881. Membership, December 31, 1937, 79. Posts, 29]

Department commander----- L. E. CARPENTER, Minneapolis.
Senior vice department commander----- T. L. HAECKER, St. Paul.
Junior vice department commander----- C. H. PERRY,¹ Minneapolis.
Assistant adjutant general----- O. S. PIERCE,¹ Minneapolis.

REPRESENTATIVES

John McConnell, Le Sueur.	W. C. Fisher, ¹ St. Paul
James Whittemore, ¹ Minneapolis	

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Henry G. Hicks, ² 1868.	Philip G. Woodward, ² 1910.
Henry A. Castle, ² 1872-74.	J. A. Everett, ² 1911.
George H. Johnson, ² 1876.	William P. Roberts, ² 1912.
Adam Marty, ² 1881-82.	Charles H. Taylor, ² 1913.
John P. Rea, ² 1883.	Charles H. Hopkins, ² 1914.
E. B. Rabb, ² 1884.	Watson W. Hall, ² 1915.
R. A. Becker, ¹ St. Paul, 1885.	Charles Van Campen, ² 1916.
William Thomas, ² 1886.	Silas H. Towler, ² 1917.
L. L. Wheelock, ² 1887.	Edwin F. Kenrick, ² 1918.
James H. Ege, ² 1888.	J. D. Budd, ² 1919.
Alphonse Barto, ² 1889.	J. A. Town, ² 1920.
James Compton, ² 1890.	S. W. Powell, ² 1921.
Charles D. Parker, ² 1891.	E. Z. Rasey, ² 1922.
L. M. Lange, ² 1892.	W. H. Harrison, ² 1923.
John Day Smith, ² 1893.	S. E. Mahan, ^{1 13} St. Paul, 1924.
Samuel R. Van Sant, ² 1894.	W. T. Scram, ² 1925.
Ell Torrance, ² 1895.	P. G. Gorman, ² 1926.
J. J. McCardy, ² 1896.	Jacob Zuber, ² 1927.
E. B. Wood, ² 1897.	T. P. Garrett, ² 1928.
E. W. Mortimer, ² 1898.	T. H. Peacock, ² 1929.
D. B. Searle, ² 1899.	W. H. Palmer, ² 1930.
Gideon S. Ives, ² 1900.	W. L. Hilliard, ² 1931.
William H. Harries, ² 1901.	C. M. Peet, ² 1932.
Perry Starkweather, ² 1902.	Omar H. Case, ² 1933.
Isaac L. Mahan, ² 1903.	Charles H. Cotton, ² 1934.
Harrison White, ² 1904.	M. Mullen, ² 1935.
C. F. MacDonald, ² 1905.	W. W. Holcomb, ³ St. Paul, 1936.
Levi Longfellow, ² 1906.	Freman A. Caswell, ² 1937 (died in office).
George A. Whitney, ² 1907.	L. E. Carpenter, ¹⁰ Minneapolis, 1937.
Marcus W. Bates, ² 1908.	
Loren W. Collins, ² 1909.	

S. F. Hammond,² 1888, transferred from South Dakota.
J. B. Hoit,² 1892, transferred from South Dakota.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

T. C. Wakefield, Hutchinson, 1926.	H. R. Thompson, Minneapolis, 1936.
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PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Watson W. Hubbard, Minneapolis, 1936.

¹ Present.
² Deceased.
³ National council of administration.
¹⁰ Department Commander.
¹³ Past junior vice commander in chief.

MISSOURI (25)

[Organized May 16, 1867; reorganized April 22, 1882. Membership, December 31, 1937, 39. Posts, 12]

Department commander----- A. J. P. BARNES,^{1 3} Joplin.
Senior vice department commander----- STEPHEN THOMAS,¹ Braymer
Junior vice department commander----- ISAAC HARRY, Licking.
Assistant adjutant general----- JOHN L. PIERSON,¹ St. Louis.

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATE
Newell Patterson, East St. Louis. August Moreau, Creve Coeur.	Horace E. Ripley, ¹ Nevada.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William Warner, ² 1882-83. W. F. Chamberlain, ² 1884. Nelson Cole, ² 1885-86 E. E. Kimball, ² 1887. Hiram Smith, Jr., ² 1888. John E. Phelps, 1889 ² (see Washing- ton and Alaska). Leo Rassieur, ² 1890. George W. Martin, ² 1891. C. W. Whitehead, ² 1892. Charles G. Burton, ² 1893. Louis Grund, ² 1894. Louis Benecke, ² 1895. Thomas B. Rodgers, ² 1896. John B. Platt, ² 1897. A. G. Peterson, ² 1898. John W. Scott, Daytona, Fla., 1899. Wilbur F. Henry, ² 1900. George Hall, ² 1901. Ira T. Bronson, ² 1902. F. M. Sterrett, ² 1903 (see Ohio). Jere T. Dew, ² 1904. Henry Fairback, ² 1905. John M. Williams, ² 1906. Thomas D. Kimball, ² 1907. J. V. Martin, ² 1908. W. H. Skinner, ² 1909. Robert N. Denham, ² 1910.	Benjamin Warner, ² 1911. Charles W. Ruby, ² 1912. Arthur Dreifus, ² 1913. William Lowe, ² 1914. James B. Dobyne, ² 1915. Alex McCandless, ² 1916. Thomas W. Evans, ² 1917. Phil F. Coghlan, ² 1918. W. C. Calland, Springfield, 1919. Samuel D. Webster, ² 1920. A. J. P. Barnes, ^{1 3} Joplin, 1921. James H. Hunter, ² 1922. Samuel M. Mann, ² 1923. Alfred Zartman, ² 1924. Charles Koock, ² 1925. John W. Lanley, ² 1926. D. H. Baldrige, Joplin, 1927. John Ferguson, Iberia, 1928. Charles H. Mitchell, ² 1929. C. P. Woodruff, ² 1930. P. L. Swartz, ² 1931. A. M. Reynolds, ² 1932. R. B. Tyler, ¹ Joplin, 1933. Smith George, ² 1934. Perry Martin, ² 1935. Jonathan Hollingsworth, ¹ Kansas City, 1936. William Kowazek, ¹ Hawk Point, 1937.
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PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

C. W. Burrill,¹⁹ Kansas City, 1928.

¹ Present.
² Deceased.
³ National council of administration.
¹⁹ Past surgeon general.

MONTANA (37)

[Organized March 10, 1885. Membership, December 31, 1937, 7. Posts, 5]

Department commander----- J. N. CHESTNUT, Great Falls.
Senior vice commander----- J. L. HUMBLE, Missoula.
Junior vice department commander-----
Assistant adjutant general----- G. I. REICHE,³ Helena.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Thomas P. Fuller, ² 1885.	Robert G. Huston, ² 1910.
Charles S. Warren, ² 1886.	John J. Rohrbaugh, ² 1911.
Ela C. Waters, ² 1887.	W. Y. Smith, ² 1912.
Julius G. Saunders, ² 1888.	P. W. Sheehy, ² 1913.
James E. Galloway, ² 1889.	E. L. Barnes, ² 1914.
Ed. S. Ferris, ² 1890.	James R. Goss, ² 1915.
Harry C. Kessler, ² 1891.	G. I. Reiche, ³ Helena, 1916.
John L. Sloan, ² 1892.	Simon Hauswirth, ² 1917.
Joseph O. Gregg, ² 1893 (see Ohio).	John Marchion, ² 1918.
Peter R. Dolman, ² 1894.	J. Perry McClain, ² 1919.
Robert E. Fisk, ² 1895.	J. M. Page, ² 1920.
Lester S. Wilson, ² 1896.	Charles S. Shoemaker, ² 1921.
Thaddeus C. Davidson, ² 1897.	William Coleman, ² 1922.
W. H. H. Dickinson, ² 1898.	W. B. Harlan, ² 1923.
C. B. Miller, ² 1899.	D. I. Breneman, ² 1924.
P. B. Manchester, ² 1900 (see California and Nevada).	R. L. Cleveland, ² 1925.
Frank P. Sterling, ² 1901.	Jacob Ohl, ² 1926.
Alanson N. Bull, ² 1902.	C. E. Adams, ² 1927.
J. S. Wisner, ² 1903.	W. B. White, ² 1928.
Henry N. Blake, ² 1904.	Henry Bird, ² 1929.
Wilbur F. Sanders, ² 1905.	J. W. Johnson, ² 1930.
A. J. Fisk, ² 1906.	Charles Angus, ² 1931.
B. N. Beebe, ² 1907.	Wm. Myers, ² 1932.
Edwin C. Kinney, ² 1908.	Solomon Niles, ² 1933-34 (died in office).
Edwin S. Pease, ² 1909.	J. E. Kanouse, ² 1935-37 (died in office).
J. B. Wolgemuth, ² 1905, transferred from South Dakota.	
Michael Brown, ² 1889, transferred from Michigan.	

² Deceased.³ National council of administration.

NEBRASKA (17)

[Organized June 11, 1877. Membership, December 31, 1937, 79. Posts, 25]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	R. E. COLEMAN, ¹ Lincoln.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	H. S. WOODWORTH, ¹ Omaha.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	C. H. KINNEY, Raymond.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	L. C. McBRIDE, ¹ Lincoln.

REPRESENTATIVES

J. H. Allbee, Minden.
Cyrus Fox, North Platte.
James Welstead, Cedar Bluffs.

ALTERNATES

E. W. Leicy, Randolph.
H. D. Woodard, Malcolm.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Paul Van Devoort, ² 1877.	Eli A. Barnes, ² 1908.
R. H. Wilbur, ² 1878.	L. D. Richards, ² 1909.
James W. Savage, ² 1879-80.	John F. Diener, ² 1910.
S. J. Alexander, ² 1881-82.	A. M. Trimble, ² 1911.
John C. Bonnell, ² 1883.	M. V. King, ² 1912.
Henry E. Palmer, ² 1884.	John A. Dempster, ² 1913.
A. V. Cole, ² 1885 (see California and Nevada).	O. H. Durand, ² 1914.
John M. Thayer, ² 1886.	George C. Humphrey, ² 1915.
H. C. Russell, ² 1887.	W. H. Stewart, ² 1916.
W. C. Henry, ² 1888.	Wilson E. Majors, ² 1917.
J. B. Davis, ² 1889 (died in office).	J. S. Hoagland, ² 1918.
S. H. Morrison, ² 1889.	J. B. Strode, ² 1919.
T. S. Clarkson, ² 1890.	Joseph H. Presson, ² 1920.
Joseph Teeter, ² 1891.	W. J. Blystone, ² 1921.
C. J. Dilworth, ² 1892.	John S. Davisson, ^{1 3} Omaha, 1922.
A. H. Church, ² 1893.	O. C. Bell, ² 1923.
Church Howe, ² 1894.	S. F. Sanders, ² 1924.
Clarendon E. Adams, ² 1895 (see California and Nevada).	E. F. Brown, Lincoln, 1925.
J. H. Culver, ² 1896.	J. O. Moore, 1926.
John A. Ehrhardt, ² 1897.	David Bryson, Sioux Falls, S. Dak., 1927.
Thomas J. Majors, ² 1898.	H. V. Hoagland, ² 1928.
John E. Evans, ² 1899.	Thomas J. Smith, ² 1929.
John Reese, ² 1900.	F. A. Damewood, ² 1930.
R. S. Wilcox, ² 1901.	L. F. Ruppel, ² 1931 (died in office).
C. F. Steele, ² 1902.	John H. Berger, ² 1931.
Lee Estelle, ² 1903.	C. P. Lomax, ² 1932.
Harmon Bross, ² 1904.	I. D. Evans, ² 1933.
John Lett, ² 1905.	George Johnson, ² 1934.
John R. Maxson, ² 1906.	C. H. Kinney, ⁴ Raymond, 1935.
Thomas Creigh, ² 1907.	A. F. Rexroad, Omaha, 1936.
	John Seberg, Upland 1937.

Griff J. Thomas,² 1879-1881, transferred from Wisconsin.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

T. J. Bender, Fairmont, 1919.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

L. C. McBride,^{1 10} Lincoln, 1937.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.

⁴ Junior vice department commander.

¹⁰ Assistant adjutant general.

NEW HAMPSHIRE (12)

[Organized June 30, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1937, 8. Posts, 7]

Department commander----- LYMAN E. BUTTERFIELD,¹ Manchester.
Senior vice department commander----- ROBERT E. WHEELER, Manchester.
Junior vice department commander----- GEORGE W. WOODS, Laconia.
Assistant adjutant general----- FRANK E. AMADON,^{1 3} Keene.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Matthew T. Betton, ² 1867.	William S. Pillsbury, ² 1907.
William R. Patten, ² 1868.	Augustus D. Sanborn, ² 1908.
Daniel J. Vaughn, ² 1869.	Charles W. Stevens, ² 1909.
James E. Larkin, ² 1870.	Albert D. Scovell, ² 1910.
Augustus H. Bixby, ² 1871.	Henry E. Conant, ² 1911 (died in office).
William H. Trickey, ² 1872.	William A. Beckford, ² 1911.
Timothy W. Challis, ² 1873-74.	George K. Stratton, ² 1912.
Alvin S. Eaton, ² 1875.	David R. Roys, ² 1913.
Charles J. Richards, ² 1876-78.	O. B. Douglas, ² 1914.
George Bowers, ² 1879-80.	M. B. Plummer, ² 1915.
Martin A. Haynes, ² 1881-82.	Reuben T. Leavitt, ² 1916.
John C. Linehan, ² 1883-84.	Charles W. Hobbs, ² 1917.
Marcus M. Collis, ² 1885.	Eugene Wason, ² 1918.
George Farr, ² 1886.	Frank W. Wilson, ² 1919.
Otis C. Wyatt, ² 1887.	James H. Hunt, ² 1920.
A. B. Thompson, ² 1888.	Arthur Thompson, ² 1921.
James F. Grimes, ² 1889.	J. N. Patterson, ² 1922.
Thomas Cogswell, ² 1890.	J. C. Lewis, ² 1923.
Everett B. Huse, ² 1891.	William Blair, ² 1924.
Daniel Hall, ² 1892.	J. R. Squires, ² 1925.
Frank G. Noyes, ² 1893.	Albert J. Barr, ² 1926.
David R. Pierce, ² 1894.	Eben C. Chase, ² 1927.
Charles E. Buzzell, ² 1895.	Joseph Willis, Woodsville, 1928.
Lewis W. Aldrich, ² 1896.	O. P. Murdick, ² 1929.
James Minot, ² 1897.	William H. Fish, ² 1930.
A. S. Twitchell, ² 1898.	Henry S. Paul, ² 1931.
Horace L. Worcester, ² 1899.	Charles H. Estes, ² 1932.
D. E. Proctor, ² 1900.	William J. M. Blackmun, ² 1933.
A. C. Haines, ² 1901.	George I. Horne, ² 1934 (died in office).
William S. Carter, ² 1902.	James R. Ashton, ² 1935 (died in office).
Edwin E. Parker, ² 1903.	Frank E. Amadon, ^{1 3} Keene, 1935-36.
Henry O. Kent, ² 1904.	Lyman E. Butterfield, ^{1 5} Manchester.
Daniel B. Newhall, ² 1905.	1937.
Osman B. Warren, ² 1906.	

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ National council of administration.⁵ Department commander.

NEW JERSEY (8)

[Organized December 10, 1867. Membership December 31, 1937, 33. Posts, 10]

Department commander----- WILLIAM H. MCCOY,¹ Trenton.
Senior vice department commander----- PETER VAN KIRK, Princeton.
Junior vice department commander----- CHRISTIAN SHARP, Williamstown.
Assistant adjutant general----- GEO. M. DEY, Ocean Grove.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

E. Jardine, ² 1868.	James M. Atwood, ² 1904.
William Ward, ² 1869-70.	Charles Currie, ² 1905.
Richard H. Lee, ² 1871-72.	Alfred Atkins, ² 1906.
John R. Goble, ² 1873.	Arthur W. Tench, ² 1907.
Charles Burrows, ² 1874-75.	John Foran, ² 1908.
E. W. Davis, ² 1876.	James F. Connelly, ² 1909.
John Muller, ² 1877-78.	James Inglis, Jr., ² 1910.
Samuel Hufty, ² 1879.	Adrian S. Appleget, ² 1911.
George W. Gile, ² 1880.	Terrance J. McDonald, ² 1912.
Charles H. Houghton, ² 1881.	John W. Bodine, ² 1913.
E. L. Campbell, ² 1882.	Forman J. Reynolds, ² 1914 (died in office).
George Fielder, ² 1883.	Samuel G. Garretson, ² 1914.
Henry M. Nevius, ² 1884-85.	William F. Washington, ² 1915.
Frank O. Cole, ² 1886.	William O. Allen, ² 1916.
J. L. Wheeler, ² 1887.	Walter S. Tully, ² 1917.
E. Burd Grubb, ² 1888.	George E. Boyd, ² 1918.
W. E. B. Miller, ² 1889.	A. J. Washburn, ² 1919 (died in office).
A. M. Matthews, ² 1890.	Frank Briden, Sr., ² 1919.
James R. Mullikin, ² 1891.	John T. McNeil, ² 1920.
R. A. Donnelly, ² 1892.	Isaac Cole, 1921. ²
H. L. Hartshorn, ² 1893.	James A. Rikeman, ² 1922.
John Shields, ² 1894.	P. J. Lydecker, ² 1923-24.
Henry S. White, ² 1895.	Leonard L. Roray, Glassboro, 1925.
Ernest C. Stahl, ² 1896.	Joseph A. Goodrich, ² 1926.
Emanuel Sands, ² 1897 (died in office).	Augustus Van Giesen, ² 1927.
Samuel G. Hayter, ² 1897.	Charles Hopper, ² 1928.
William C. Smith, Plainfield, 1898.	Spencer Smith, ² 1929.
George Barrett, ² 1899.	John H. Conger, ² 1930.
E. V. Richards, ² 1900.	Wm. A. Buckbee, ² 1931.
J. Lawrence, ² 1901.	Wm. H. Bilbee, ^{1 3} Trenton, 1932-34.
Enos F. Hann, ² 1902.	Wm. H. McCoy, ^{1 5} Trenton, 1935-37.
Stephen M. Long, ² 1903.	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

A. C. Gile, Cape May, 1917. | Wm. K. Storms, Red Bank, 1932.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Abraham Ryerson, Lincoln Park, 1936.

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ National council of administration.⁵ Department commander.

NEW YORK (5)

[Organized April 3, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1937, 224. Posts, 79]

Department commander----- THOMAS H. STRITCH,¹ Brooklyn.
Senior vice department commander----- HENRY LILLY, Coldwater.
Junior vice department commander----- EDWIN MORRIS, Elmira.
Assistant adjutant general----- FRANK E. COOLEY,³ Rensselaer.

REPRESENTATIVES

Thomas Barker,¹ Bellmore, L. I.
 Christopher A. Farrell, New York.
 Albert Morgan, New York.
 Robert G. Summers, Brooklyn.
 John A. Morrison, Brooklyn.

ALTERNATES

A. D. Foster, Perry.
 M. P. Burney, Little Falls.
 Chandler Elliott, Medina.
 John Hill, Waterloo.
 Charles Jennette, Old Forge.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James B. McKean, ² 1866-67.	John S. Maxwell, ² 1906.
Daniel E. Sickles, ² 1868-69.	Harlan J. Swift, ² 1907.
Edwin B. Lansing, ² 1869.	William H. Daniels, 1908.
John C. Robinson, ² 1870.	M. J. Cummings, ² 1909.
Henry A. Barnum, ² 1871-72.	DeWitt C. Hurd, ² 1910.
Stephen P. Corliss, ² 1873.	George B. Loud, ² 1911.
Edward Jardine, ² 1874.	Oscar Smith, ² 1912.
John Palmer, ² 1875.	Samuel C. Pierce, ² 1913.
James Tanner, ² 1876-77.	James D. Bell, ² 1914.
William F. Rogers, ² 1878.	Zan L. Tidball, ² 1915.
James McQuade, ² 1879.	Solomon W. Russell, ² 1916.
L. Coe Young, ² 1880.	William F. Kirchner, ² 1917.
Abram Merritt, ² 1881.	Lewis S. Pilcher, ² 1918.
James S. Fraser, ² 1882.	Joseph E. Ewell, ² 1919.
John A. Reynolds, ² 1883.	Alfred E. Stacey, ¹⁷ Elbridge, 1920.
Ira M. Hedges, ² 1884.	Isadore Isaacs, ² 1921.
H. Clay Hall, ² 1885.	Calvin A. Brainard, ² 1922.
Joseph I. Sayles, ² 1886.	Thomas J. McConekey, ² 1923.
George H. Treadwell, ² 1887.	Henry L. Keene, ² 1924.
N. Martin Curtis, ² 1888.	Duncan J. McMillan, New York, 1925.
Harrison Clark, ² 1889.	John Van Duyn, ² 1926.
Floyd Clarkson, ² 1890.	George W. Flynn, ² 1927 (died in office).
Charles H. Freeman, ² 1891.	William M. Chatham, ² 1928 (died in office).
Theodore L. Poole, ² 1892.	Henry Lilly, ¹⁶ Coldwater, 1928.
Joseph P. Cleary, ² 1893.	William P. Griffith, ² 1928.
John C. Shotts, ² 1894.	Martin V. Stone, ¹⁷ Jamestown, 1929.
Edward J. Atkinson, ² 1895.	George H. Taylor, ² 1930.
James S. Graham, ² 1896.	Calvin L. Vincent, ² 1931.
Albert D. Shaw, ² 1897.	Henry J. Kearney, ² 1932 (died in office).
Anson S. Wood, ² 1898.	Frank E. Cooley, ³ Rensselaer, 1933.
Joseph W. Kay, ² 1899.	John Maxwell, ² 1933.
N. P. Pond, ² 1900.	Josiah C. Read, New York, 1934.
Charles A. Orr, ² 1901.	Robert M. Rownd, ¹⁴ Ripley, 1935.
Allan C. Bakewell, ² 1902.	George C. Eldredge, ¹ Dumont, N. J., 1936.
John S. Foster, ² 1903.	Joseph Bauer, Rochester, 1937.
Henry N. Burhans, ² 1904.	
James N. Snyder, ² 1905.	

De Alva S. Alexander,² 1884, transferred from Potomac.
 W. L. Palmer,² 1899, transferred from South Dakota.
 A. E. Sholes,² 1891, transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.
 David R. Wilson,² 1906, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.
 John C. Gipson,² 1902, transferred from Oklahoma (see California and Nevada).

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ National council of administration.⁴ Junior vice commander in chief.⁷ Chaplain in chief.¹⁶ Senior vice department commander.¹⁷ Past commander in chief.

NEW YORK (5)—Continued

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Charles T. Peck, Rochester, 1928. | Nelson E. Rowe, Binghamton, 1936.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Ringgold W. Carman, Flushing, 1922. | George H. Howard, Buffalo, 1935.
 Edward M. Griffiths, New York, 1929. | Dwight K. Landon, Syracuse, 1936.
 Jacob Lester, Port Dickinson, 1931. | John W. Hays, Brookview, 1937.

NORTH DAKOTA (43)

[Organized April 23, 1890. Membership, December 31, 1937, 2. Posts, 2]

Department commander----- J. W. CARROLL,¹ Lisbon.
Senior vice department commander-----
Junior vice department commander-----
Assistant adjutant general----- D. G. DUELL,¹ Devils Lake.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Harrison Allen, ² 1889.	George W. Kurtz, ² 1912.
George B. Winship, ² 1890.	G. B. Vallandigham, ² 1913.
William A. Bentley, ² 1891 (see California and Nevada).	Alexander Hay, ² 1914.
Samuel G. Roberts, ² 1892.	John L. Smith, ² 1915.
John D. Black, ² 1893.	Henry Beal, ² 1916.
James M. O'Neale, ² 1894.	Christian Schmidt, ² 1917.
A. P. Rounseville, ² 1895 (see Florida).	J. W. Carroll, ^{1 5} Lisbon, 1918.
William H. Brown, ² 1896.	James McCormick, ² 1919.
Edward C. Geary, ² 1897.	David B. McClain, ² 1920 (died in office).
Edwin Southard, ² 1898.	Orange A. Potter, ² 1920.
William Ackerman, ² 1899.	Charles P. Stearns, ² 1921.
Freeman Orcutt, ² 1900.	Smith Stimmel, ² 1922.
D. G. Duell, ^{1 3} Devils Lake, 1901.	H. F. Dinsmore, ² 1923.
John C. Gipson, ² 1902 (see Oklahoma).	T. C. Conklin, ² 1924.
H. J. Rowe, ² 1903.	George Hawks, ² 1925.
D. F. Siegfried, ² 1904.	John A. Seright, ² 1926.
Joseph Hare, ² 1905.	Charles Cotter, ² 1927.
B. F. Bigelow, ² 1906.	R. M. Donnelly, ² 1928.
Sylvester J. Hill, ² 1907.	R. D. Bagley, ² 1929.
J. L. Richmond, ² 1908.	C. H. Palmer, ² 1930.
Halsey Curry, ² 1909.	A. W. Parmenter, ² 1931.
Albert Roberts, ² 1910.	M. Skarison, ² 1932.
James H. Matthews, ² 1911.	J. W. Carroll, ^{1 5} Lisbon, 1933-37.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.

⁵ Department commander.

OHIO (4)

[Organized January 30, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1937, 190. Posts, 66]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	FREDERICK PFIESTER, ¹ Cincinnati.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	J. T. ROMIG, New Philadelphia.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	THOS. RIDENOUR, Crestline.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	SOL ZARBAUGH, ^{1 3} Toledo.

REPRESENTATIVES	ALTERNATES
Geo. V. Kern, Adamsville.	Byron W. Joslin, ¹ Sidney.
Theodore Biles, ¹ Cincinnati.	Geo. Rooney, Cincinnati.
A. O. Williams, Toledo.	Geo. Burley, Toledo.
John C. Arbuckle, Columbus.	J. W. Moody, ¹ Glouster.
R. C. Miller, Cleveland.	

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Potts, ² 1866.	Amos Huffman, ² 1905.
Thomas L. Young, ² 1867.	George A. Harmon, ² 1906.
J. Warren Keifer, ² 1868-70.	W. S. Rogers, ² 1907.
William C. Bunts, ² 1871-72.	John H. Sharer, ² 1908 (died in office).
G. M. Barber, ² 1873-74.	George Hall, ² 1908.
Alvin C. Voris, ² 1875.	Charles H. Newton, ² 1909.
William Earnshaw, ² 1876-77.	Henry A. Axline, ² 1910.
Nathan L. Guthrie, ² 1878 (died in office).	J. F. Johnston, ² 1911.
James H. Seymour, ² 1878.	Charles W. Blodgett, ² 1912.
James H. Steadman, ² 1879.	W. R. Warnock, ² 1913.
David W. Thomas, ² 1880.	J. Kent Hamilton, ² 1914.
John S. Kountz, ² 1881.	Seeley P. Mount, ² 1915.
Charles T. Clark, ² 1882-83.	W. H. Surles, ² 1916.
H. P. Lloyd, ² 1884.	W. A. Pittenger, ² 1917.
R. B. Brown, ² 1885.	D. M. Hall, ² 1918.
Arthur L. Conger, ² 1886.	H. C. Martindale, ² 1919.
D. C. Putnam, ² 1887.	John M. Adams, ² 1920.
Joseph W. O'Neill, ² 1888.	M. J. Sloan, ² 1921.
S. H. Hurst, ² 1889.	Gaylord M. Saltzgaber, ² 1922.
P. H. Dowling, ² 1890.	Daniel S. Wilder, ² 1923.
A. M. Warner, ² 1891.	Edmund Burdsall, ² 1924.
Isaac F. Mack, ² 1892.	John Ambler, ² 1925.
L. H. Williams, ² 1893.	Levi H. Derby, ² 1926.
E. E. Nutt, ² 1894.	Jacob Secrest, ² 1927.
Charles Townsend, ² 1895.	John McClay, ² 1928.
E. L. Lybarger, ² 1896.	Salonas A. Williams, ² 1929.
Henry Kissinger, ² 1897.	W. A. Talbott, ² 1930.
David F. Pugh, ² 1898.	Ayres B. Adams, ² 1931.
Thomas R. Shinn, ² 1899.	S. F. Bell, ² 1932.
Elias R. Monfort, ² 1900.	O. A. Marvin, ² 1933.
Emmet F. Taggart, ² 1901.	Charles J. McDargh, Urbana, 1934.
Walton Weber, ² 1902.	Henry F. Russell, ² 1935.
Arthur C. Yengling, ² 1903.	Francis S. Layton, Marion, 1936.
B. M. Moulton, ² 1904.	Theodore Wells, ¹ Cadiz, 1937.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

M. O. Messer, Warren, 1924.	[Frank S. Morris, ¹ Chardon, 1936.
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PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

L. P. Rife, Defiance, 1921.	E. A. Johnson, Cleveland, 1936.
W. H. Little, Canton, 1928.	W. D. Christman, ¹ Glouster, 1937.

¹ Present.
² Deceased.
³ National council of administration.

OKLAHOMA (44)

[Organized August 7, 1890. Membership, December 31, 1937, 15. Posts, 4. Department of Indian Territory merged with Oklahoma at joint encampment held at Guthrie, May 19-22, 1908]

Department commander ----- S. PATTERSON, Tonkawa.
Senior vice department commander ----- P. A. SMITH, El Reno.
Junior vice department commander ----- J. J. ELLIOTT, Carnegie.
Assistant adjutant general ----- G. I. GORDON,³ Oklahoma City

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

C. M. Barnes, ² 1890.	George W. Fletcher, ² 1914.
G. M. Coulton, ² 1891.	A. A. Beasler, ² 1915.
D. F. Wyatt, ² 1892.	Albert Reeves, ² 1916.
T. H. Soward, ² 1893.	J. C. White, ² 1917.
J. P. Cummings, ² 1894 (see California and Nevada).	F. E. Hills, ² 1918.
H. G. Trosper, ² 1895.	F. M. Cline, ² 1919.
W. H. Cater, ² 1896.	W. S. Tilton, ² 1920 (see California and Nevada).
C. R. Young, ² 1897.	Jacob Amberg, ² 1921.
G. D. Munger, ² 1898.	W. F. Clark, ² 1922.
J. J. S. Hassler, ² 1899.	J. J. Lyons, ² 1923.
I. W. Rush, ² 1899.	J. W. Garner, ² 1924.
M. L. Mock, ² 1900.	J. H. Norton, ² 1925 (died in office).
James E. Burns, ² 1901 (see California and Nevada).	J. H. Luman, ² 1925.
Wesley Taylor, ² 1902.	R. D. McGinley, ² 1926.
Cyrus P. Green, ² 1903.	W. T. Deupree, ² 1927.
S. P. Strahan, ² 1904.	R. L. Johnson, ² 1928.
G. M. Parks, ² 1905.	A. W. Lee, ² 1929.
Peter A. Becker, ² 1906.	J. W. Bridges, ² 1930.
W. H. Hornaday, ² 1907 (see California and Nevada).	A. C. Sims, ² 1931.
H. Veatch, ² 1908.	L. C. Coffin, ² 1932.
William Higgins, ² 1909.	A. C. Sims, ² 1933.
B. N. Turk, ² 1910.	J. W. Garner, ² 1934.
Wilberforce Jones, ² 1911.	N. D. McGinley, ² 1935-37 (died in office).
W. R. Kelley, ² 1912.	Aaron Fagin, ² 1937 (died in office).
L. C. Coffin, ⁵ Elgin, 1913.	S. Patterson, ⁵ Tonkawa, 1938.
George W. Billings, ² 1914 (died in office).	

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E. Calkins, ² 1891.	Gideon S. White, ² 1899.
B. F. Harris, ² 1892.	John S. Hammer, ² 1900-1902.
J. H. Spann, ² 1893.	J. A. Rose, ² 1903.
Savelon Boyles, ² 1894.	Robert Ross, ² 1904.
J. L. Thomas, ² 1895.	Samuel H. Smith, ² 1905.
William H. Harrison, ² 1896.	J. F. Ayers, ² 1906.
R. M. J. Shriver, ² 1897.	A. G. Krutchmer, ² 1907.
David Redfield, ² 1898.	
D. W. Eastman, ² 1898, transferred from Kansas.	
John C. Gipson, ² 1902, transferred from North Dakota (see California and Nevada).	

² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.

⁵ Department commander.

OREGON (26)

[Organized September 28, 1882. Membership, December 31, 1937, 65. Posts, 10]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	T. A. PENLAND, ^{1 3} Portland.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	PERRY TOMLINSON, Portland.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	HENRY HOPKINS, Newberg.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	J. W. RIDGE, Portland.

REPRESENTATIVES

James K. Jackson.
J. W. Cullen.

ALTERNATE

E. A. Pointer.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

N. S. Pierce, ² 1882.	S. W. Taylor, ² 1913.
G. E. Caulkin, ² 1883.	H. S. Fargo, ² 1914.
F. J. Babcock, ² 1884.	George A. Harding, ² 1915.
F. H. Lamb, ² 1885-86.	Joseph E. Hall, ² 1916.
M. L. Olmstead, ² 1887.	J. G. Chambers, ² 1917.
A. E. Borthwick, ² 1888.	Tillman H. Stevens, ² 1918.
E. B. McElroy, ² 1889.	Daniel Webster, ² 1919.
James A. Varney, ² 1890.	J. T. Butler, ² 1920.
Owen Summers, ² 1891.	C. A. Williams, ² 1921.
H. H. Northup, ² 1892.	D. L. McKay, ² 1922.
J. C. Cooper, ² 1893.	George R. Castner, ² 1923.
S. B. Ormsby, ² 1894.	Henry E. Dosch, ² 1924 (died in office).
E. W. Allen, ² 1895.	J. L. Crow, ² 1924.
D. C. Sherman, ² 1896.	J. F. Nelson, ² 1925.
Frank Reisner, ² 1897.	William Clemens, ² 1926.
C. P. Holloway, ² 1898.	H. S. Lillagar, ² 1927.
H. V. Gates, ² 1899.	William Clemens, ² 1928.
A. J. Goodbrod, ² 1900.	L. C. Washburn, ² 1929 (died in office).
J. A. Sladen, ² 1901.	Charles True, ² 1929 (died in office).
M. L. Pratt, ² 1902.	Gideon Stolz, ² 1929.
David H. Turner, ² 1903.	William M. Colvig, ² 1930.
B. F. Pike, ² 1904.	Charles M. Eichler, ² 1931.
T. E. Hills, ² 1905.	J. W. Jones, ² 1932.
Hamer Sutcliffe, ² 1906.	H. V. Gates, ² 1933-34 (died in office).
S. F. Blythe, ² 1907.	J. W. Ridge, ¹⁰ Portland, 1935.
J. T. Apperson, ² 1908.	John C. Thomson, ² 1936 (died in office).
James P. Shaw, ² 1909.	Z. T. Bryant, ² 1937 (died in office).
W. J. R. Beach, ² 1910.	Henry Hopkins, ⁴ Newberg, 1937.
Newton Clark, ² 1911.	T. A. Penland, ^{1 3} Portland, 1937.
Thomas B. McDevitt, ² 1912.	

¹ Present.
² Deceased.
³ National council of administration.
⁴ Junior vice department commander.
¹⁰ Assistant adjutant general.

PENNSYLVANIA (3)

[Organized January 16, 1867. Membership, December 31, 1937, 117. Posts, 33]

Department commander----- C. H. WILLIAM RUHE,^{1 17} Pittsburgh.
Senior vice department commander----- EDWIN S. FRANCE, Monongahela.
Junior vice department commander----- JOHN SPEER,¹ Pittsburgh.
Assistant adjutant general----- SAMUEL S. FOWLER,^{1 21} Philadelphia.

REPRESENTATIVES

ALTERNATES

Newton C. Harmon, Lewistown.
 Robert McAdams, Midland.
 Henry T. Greenwood, Philadelphia.

John McDonough, Scranton.
 J. P. Sankey, Crafton.
 William J. McKain, Pittsburgh.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Louis Wagner,² 1866-67.
 A. L. Pearson,² 1868.
 O. C. Bosbyshell,² 1869.
 Howard J. Reeder,² 1870-71.
 Frank Reeder,² 1872.
 Robert B. Beath,² 1873.
 A. Wilson Norris,² 1874.
 W. W. Tyson,² 1875.
 James W. Latta,² 1876.
 Samuel I. Given,² 1877.
 Charles T. Hull,² 1878.
 George L. Brown,² 1879.
 Chill W. Hazard,² 1880.
 John Taylor,² 1881.
 John M. Vanderslice,² 1882.
 E. S. Osborne,² 1883.
 Frederick H. Dyer,² 1884.
 F. Austin Curtin,² 1885.
 J. P. S. Gobin,² 1886.
 Samuel Harper,² 1887.
 Frank J. Magee,² 1888.
 Thomas J. Stewart,² 1889.
 Joseph F. Denniston,² 1890.
 George G. Boyer,² 1891.
 John P. Taylor,² 1892.
 Thomas G. Sample,² 1893.
 William Emsley,² 1894.
 H. H. Cumings,² 1895.
 Alfred Darte,² 1896.
 William D. Stauffer,² 1897.
 William J. Patterson,² 1898.
 James F. Morrison,² 1899.
 Charles Miller,² 1900.
 Levi G. McCauley,² 1901.
 R. P. Scott,² 1902.
 Edwin Walton,² 1903.

John McNevin,² 1904.
 J. Andrew Wilt,² 1905.
 M. A. Gherst,² 1906.
 Willam T. Powell,² 1907.
 P. De Lacy,² 1908.
 Thad M. Mahon,² 1909.
 L. W. Moore,² 1910.
 N. P. Kingsley,² 1911.
 Thomas H. Cole,² 1912.
 William J. Wells,² 1913.
 John A. Fairman,² 1914.
 C. C. Gramlich,² 1915.
 L. F. Arensberg,² 1916.
 Noah Dietrich,² 1917.
 J. D. Hicks,² 1918.
 George W. Rhoads,² 1919.
 C. H. William Ruhe,^{1 17} Pittsburgh, 1920.
 Charles C. Taylor,² 1921.
 W. F. Hambright,² 1922.
 J. J. Shoemaker,² 1923.
 H. H. Spayd,² 1924.
 A. M. Breckenridge,² 1925.
 Samuel P. Town,² 1926.
 John B. Patrick,² 1927.
 George I. Rudolph,¹ Pittsburgh, 1928.
 Phil Engelskirger,² 1929.
 Charles W. Meonnahey,² 1930.
 John R. Steele,² 1931.
 Jacob Barron,² 1932.
 A. T. Anderson, Washington, 1933.
 George W. Gillett,² 1934-35.
 William W. Reynolds, 1936 (died in office).
 John Little,² 1936 (died in office).
 A. T. Anderson,⁵ Washington, 1937.

James E. Porter,² 1895, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.
 James M. Davis,² 1898, transferred from Virginia and North Carolina.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

H. R. Breneman, Lancaster, 1904.
 W. A. McKay, Franklin, 1930.

George Sands,⁸ Pittsburgh, 1937.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

Z. T. Kirk, Philadelphia, 1937.

¹ Present.² Deceased.⁵ Department commander, 1933.⁸ Past adjutant general.¹⁷ Past commander in chief.²¹ Quartermaster general.

POTOMAC (14)

[Organized February 13, 1869. Membership, December 31, 1937, 8. Posts, 1]

Department commander----- JOHN M. KLINE, Washington, D. C.
Senior vice department commander---- JOHN T. RYAN, Washington, D. C.
Junior vice department commander---- CHARLES FOX, Washington, D. C.
Assistant adjutant general----- WILLIAM F. DORSEY,³ Washington, D. C.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Samuel A. Duncan, ² 1869.	A. P. Tasker, ² 1905.
Timothy Luby, ² 1870-72.	B. P. Entrikin, ² 1906.
Frank H. Sprague, ² 1873-74.	Newton Ferree, ² 1907.
Benjamin F. Hawkes, ² 1876.	John S. Walker, ² 1908.
A. H. G. Richardson, ² 1877.	Edwin H. Holbrook, ² 1909.
George E. Corson, ² 1878.	Henry A. Johnson, ² 1910.
Harrison Dingman, ² 1879.	George C. Ross, ² 1911.
Charles C. Royce, ² 1880.	J. D. Bloodgood, ² 1912.
William Gibson, ² 1881.	Thomas H. McKee, ² 1913.
Samuel S. Burdett, 1882-83.	J. K. Gleason, ² 1914.
D. S. Alexander, ² 1884 (see New York).	L. H. Patterson, ² 1915.
Newton M. Brooks, ² 1885.	A. H. Huntoon, ² 1916.
Jerome B. Burke, ² 1886-87.	A. H. Frear, ² 1917.
Charles P. Lincoln, ² 1888.	S. G. Mawson, ² 1918.
William S. Odell, ² 1889.	H. B. Snyder, ² 1919.
M. Emmett Urell, ² 1890.	John McElroy, ² 1920-21.
J. M. Pipes, ² 1891.	H. L. Deam, ² 1922.
A. F. Dinsmore, ² 1892.	John W. Reid, ² 1923.
S. E. Faunce, ² 1893.	Briscoe Goodhart, ² 1924.
Nathan Bickford, ² 1894.	Hosea B. Moulton, ² 1925.
Marion T. Anderson, ² 1895.	C. V. Petteys, ² 1926.
John McElroy, ² 1896.	John L. Clem, ² 1927.
Thomas S. Hopkins, ² 1897.	W. R. Bobb, ² 1928 (died in office).
Arthur Hendricks, ² 1898.	Harry T. Dunbar, ² 1928.
Calvin Farnsworth, ² 1899.	S. G. Mawson, ² 1929.
George H. Slaybaugh, ² 1900.	Frank J. Young, Washington, 1930.
Israel W. Stone, ² 1901.	S. G. Mawson, ² 1931.
B. F. Bingham, ² 1902.	William F. Dorsey, ³ Washington, 1932...
I. G. Kimball, ² 1903.	John H. Shepherd, ² 1933.
Abram Hart, ² 1904.	John M. Kline, ⁵ Washington, 1934-37.
E. S. Godfrey, ² transferred from Arizona.	
John L. Clem, ² transferred from Georgia and South Carolina.	

² Deceased.³ National council of administration.⁵ Department commander.

RHODE ISLAND (11)

[Organized March 24, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1937, 15. Posts, 7]

Department commander----- CHARLES H. BULLOCK,^{1 3} East Providence.
Senior vice department commander-----
Junior vice department commander-----
Assistant adjutant general-----

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Ambrose E. Burnside,² 1868.
 Horatio Rogers,² 1869.
 Charles R. Brayton,² 1870-71.
 Elisha M. Rhodes,² 1872-73.
 Edwin Metcalf,² 1874.
 Edwin C. Pomroy,² 1875.
 Charles H. Williams,² 1876.
 Henry J. Spooner,² 1877.
 Fred A. Arnold,² 1878.
 Henry R. Barker,² 1879.
 Charles C. Gray,² 1880.
 William H. P. Steers,² 1881.
 Henry F. Jenks,² 1882.
 Philip S. Chase,² 1883.
 Andrew J. McMahon,² 1884.
 Eugene A. Cory,² 1885.
 Theodore A. Barton,² 1886.
 Benjamin L. Hall,² 1887.
 Gideon Spencer,² 1888.
 Alonzo Williams,² 1889.
 Benjamin F. Davis,² 1890.
 Benjamin H. Child,² 1891.
 David S. Ray,² 1892.
 George T. Cranston,² 1893.
 Charles H. Baker,² 1894.
 Daniel R. Ballou,² 1895.
 William E. Stone,² 1896.
 Livingston Scott,² 1897.
 Samuel W. K. Allen,² 1898.
 Charles O. Ballou,² 1899.
 Walter A. Reed,² 1900.
 Charles P. Moise,² 1901.
 George H. Cheney,² 1902.
 James S. Hudson,² 1903.
 Joseph Wooley,² 1904.

Ezra K. Parker,² 1905.
 George L. Greene,² 1906.
 Edward Wilcox,² 1907.
 William O. Milne,² 1908.
 Francello G. Jillson,² 1909.
 Charles H. Ewer,² 1910.
 Ezra Dixon,² 1911.
 Thomas M. Holden,² 1912.
 George H. Cheek,² 1913.
 Gilbert Wilson,² 1914.
 Henry J. Pickersgill,² 1915.
 Joseph Gough,² 1916.
 Augustine A. Mann,² 1917.
 Murdock C. McKenzie,² 1918.
 Fred A. Burt,² 1919.
 William Massie,² 1920.
 Fred S. Oatley,² 1921.
 Samuel A. Wheldon,² 1922.
 Zophar Skinner,² 1923.
 George R. Saunders,² 1924.
 William F. Comrie,² 1925.
 Robert M. Pollard,² 1926.
 Christopher M. Carpenter,² 1927-28
 (died in office).
 William Dunham,² 1928.
 Charles H. Lewis,² 1929-30.
 Charles H. Bullock,^{1 3} East Providence,
 1931.
 Henry A. Knox,² 1932 (died in office).
 James A. Alger,² 1933.
 Fred S. Oatley,² 1934.
 Martin S. Smith,² 1935-36 (died in
 office).
 Charles H. Lewis,² 1936-38 (died in
 office).

¹ Present.² Deceased.³ National council of administration.

SOUTH DAKOTA (29)

[Organized March 20, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1937, 25. Posts 7]

Department commander-----	LEVI VAN VOORHIS, ^{1 3} Huron.
Senior vice department commander-----	J. W. COTES, ¹ Crandall.
Junior vice department commander-----	-----
Assistant adjutant general-----	CHARLES TRUAX, Huron.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

Thomas S. Free, ² 1883-84.	Warren G. Osborn, ² 1908.
W. V. Lucas, ² 1885-86 (see California and Nevada).	Alex S. Stewart, ² 1909.
Harrison Allen, ² 1887.	N. H. Kingman, ² 1910.
S. F. Hammond, ² 1888 (see Minnesota).	Thomas H. Brown, ² 1911.
George A. Silsby, ² 1889.	O. S. Gifford, ² 1912 (died in office).
E. T. Langley, ² 1890 (see California and Nevada).	H. L. Ferry, ² 1912.
C. S. Palmer, ² 1891 (see Vermont).	John L. Jolley, ² 1913.
J. B. Hoit, ² 1892 (see Minnesota).	C. A. B. Fox, ² 1914.
N. C. Nash, ² 1893.	C. S. Blodgett, ² 1915.
George W. Carpenter, ² 1894.	Walter H. Carr, ² 1916.
S. R. Drake, ² 1895.	J. C. Luce, ² 1917.
John Ackley, ² 1896 (died in office).	James S. Sebree, ² 1918.
J. F. Baker, ² 1896.	A. L. Van Osdel, ² 1919.
C. B. Clark, ² 1897.	E. L. Hurlburt, Hot Springs, 1920.
E. P. Farr, ² 1898.	John E. Davis, ² 1921.
W. L. Palmer, ² 1899 (see New York).	A. L. Van Osdel, ² 1922.
Philip Lawrence, ² 1900 (see California and Nevada).	H. P. Carson, ² 1923.
George W. Snow, ² 1901.	H. P. Smith, ² 1924.
Thomas E. Blanchard, ² 1902 (see California and Nevada).	W. H. Cornell, Brookings, 1925.
Thomas Reed, ² 1903.	R. T. Sedam, ² 1926.
H. P. Packard, ² 1904.	G. W. Dewey, ² 1927.
J. B. Wolgemuth, ² 1905 (see Montana).	H. C. Smith, Kimball, 1928.
N. I. Lowthian, ² 1906.	W. A. Drake, ² 1929.
T. C. DeJean, ² 1907.	E. L. Hurlburt, ⁵ Hot Springs, 1930-31.
	F. Burke O'Brien, Pierre, 1932.
	W. A. Drake, ² 1933-35.
	Levi Van Voorhis, ^{1 3} Huron, 1936-37.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

R. A. Wyman, Sioux Falls, 1935.

TEXAS (38)

[Organized March 25, 1885. Membership, December 31, 1937, 8. Posts, 2]

Department commander-----	JOHN SHEARER, ^{1 3} Houston.
Senior vice department commander-----	GEORGE W. LOOMIS, Dallas.
Junior vice department commander-----	J. W. AYRES, Dallas.
Assistant adjutant general-----	J. W. ELLIS, Houston.

REPRESENTATIVE	ALTERNATE
Charles Sickles, San Antonio.	H. P. Campbell, Fort Worth.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. D. Wylie, ² 1885.	A. G. Malloy, ² 1889.
O. T. Lyon, ² 1886.	A. K. Taylor, ² 1890.
W. H. Sinclair, ² 1887.	M. W. Mann, ² 1891.
J. C. De Gress, ² 1888.	O. G. Peterson, ² 1892.

¹ Present.
² Deceased.
³ National council of administration.
⁵ Department commander, 1920.

TEXAS (38)—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

J. W. Parks, ² 1893.	E. P. Brown, ² 1912.
R. M. Moore, ² 1894.	Sidney Tuttle, ² 1913.
W. W. Bostwick, ² 1895.	Robert McCormick, ² 1914.
G. W. McCormick, ² 1896.	C. S. Brodbent, ² 1915.
Ed. N. Ketchum, ² 1897.	C. A. Cahoon, ² 1916.
W. F. Conner, ² 1898.	M. B. Young, ² 1917.
John Roach, ² 1899.	Anson Miller, ² 1918.
Charles B. Peck, ² 1900.	Edward Loomis, ² 1919.
P. B. Hunt, ² 1901.	Max Hart, ² 1920.
C. C. Haskell, ² 1902.	G. E. Allgaier, ² 1921.
John H. Bolton, ² 1903.	R. P. Cooper, ² 1922.
John L. Boyd, ² 1904.	W. H. Blake, ² 1923.
E. A. Russell, ² 1905.	John Buchanan, ² 1924.
H. W. Harvey, ² 1906.	John Shearer, ^{1 3} Houston, 1925.
L. L. Whitaker, ² 1907.	D. L. Wagner, ² 1926.
T. M. Wingate, ² 1908.	L. D. Daggett, ² 1927.
Calvin R. Hubbard, ² 1909.	F. J. Yingling, ² 1928.
J. S. Dunlap, ² 1910.	A. W. Robbins, ² 1929.
W. S. Kretsinger, ² 1911.	John Shearer, ^{1 3} Houston, 1930-37.

MEMBER AT LARGE, PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

C. G. Matthews, Nashville, Tenn., 1929.

UTAH (33)

[Organized October 8, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1937, 6. Posts, 3]

Department commander----- IRA STORMES,^{1 3} Salt Lake City.
 Senior vice department commander----- ROBERT L. ROHM, Salt Lake City.
 Junior vice department commander-----
 Assistant adjutant general-----

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George C. Douglas, ² 1883.	Henry P. Burns, ² 1904.
Ransford Smith, ² 1884.	E. T. Hulaniski, ² 1905.
H. C. Wardleigh, ² 1885.	B. M. Sperry, ² 1906.
Elijah Sells, ² 1886.	Alfred Kent, ² 1907.
Eli H. Murray, ² 1887.	R. G. Sleater, ² 1908.
Nathan H. Kimball, ² 1888.	Lucian H. Smith, ² 1909.
Henry T. Snyder, ² 1889.	T. C. Lundy, ² 1910.
Henry Page, ² 1890.	A. B. Lawrence, ² 1911.
Frank Hoffman, ² 1891.	J. W. Brown, ² 1912 (died in office).
James R. Elliott, ² 1892.	Frank H. Hall, ² 1912.
J. W. Greenman, ² 1893.	Reuben Oehler, ² 1913.
T. C. Iliff, ² 1894.	N. A. Heath, ² 1914.
C. O. Farnsworth, ² 1895.	H. G. Rollins, ² 1915.
M. M. Kellogg, ² 1896.	N. D. Corser, ² 1916-17.
T. C. Bailey, ² 1897.	J. C. A. Warfield, ² 1918.
N. H. Ives, ² 1898.	C. W. A. Schnell, ² 1919.
M. M. Kaighn, ² 1899.	Ezra D. Haskins, ² 1920-21.
M. A. Breeden, ² 1900 (see California and Nevada).	A. Van Patten, ² 1922.
Rudolph Alf, ² 1901.	W. L. Goodsell, ² 1923-1925.
W. M. Bostaph, ² 1902 (see California and Nevada).	L. L. Hudson, ² 1926-27.
F. W. Clark, ² 1903.	W. R. Smethers, ² 1928.
	Elias Price, ² 1929-34.
	Ira Stormes, ^{1 3} Salt Lake City, 1935-37.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.

VERMONT (13)

[Organized December 23, 1868. Membership, December 31, 1937, 6. Posts, 1]

Department commander----- HARVEY S. POWERS, Lyndonville, Vt.
Senior vice department commander-----
Junior vice department commander----- ZELORA MARSH, Nashua, N. H.
Assistant adjutant general----- CHARLES A. HEYER,³ St. Johnsbury, Vt.

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REPRESENTATIVE

George Nelson, St. Johnsbury

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

George P. Foster, ² 1869.	J. A. Sheldon, ² 1906.
W. W. Henry, ² 1870-71.	A. C. Brown, ² 1907.
W. G. Veasey, ² 1872-73.	C. E. Beach, ² 1908 (see Florida).
Stephen Thomas, ² 1874-75.	A. B. Franklin, ² 1909.
J. H. Goulding, ² 1878-79.	E. J. Foster, ² 1910.
G. W. Hooker, ² 1880-81.	C. M. Ferrin, ² 1911.
A. B. Valentine, ² 1882-83.	A. A. Niles, ² 1912.
C. C. Kinsman, ² 1884.	Thomas Hannon, ² 1913.
W. L. Greenleaf, ² 1885.	Edward Baker, ² 1914.
G. T. Childs, ² 1886.	George P. Martin, ² 1915.
P. D. Blodgett, ² 1887.	H. C. Streeter, ² 1916.
H. E. Taylor, ² 1888.	C. T. S. Pierce, ² 1917-18.
A. S. Tracy, ² 1889.	A. T. Woodward, ² 1919.
Z. M. Mansur, ² 1890.	L. W. Bush, ² 1920.
D. L. Morgan, ² 1891.	John R. Wilson, ² 1921.
H. Henry, ² 1892.	Charles H. Cota, ² 1922.
G. W. Doty, ² 1893.	C. H. Granger, ² 1923.
C. F. Branch, ² 1894.	C. H. Stone, ² 1924.
B. Cannon, Jr., ² 1895.	W. W. Martin, ² 1925.
N. M. Puffer, ² 1896.	A. C. Stoughton, ² 1926.
E. W. Jewett, ² 1897.	L. P. Butts, ² 1927.
L. B. Harris, ² 1898.	W. H. Pierce, ² 1928.
F. G. Butterfield, ² 1899.	J. H. Amadon, ² 1929.
U. A. Woodbury, ² 1900.	W. W. Holden, ² 1930.
J. H. Lucia, ² 1901.	W. T. Reed, St. Johnsbury, 1931.
R. E. Hathorn, ² 1902.	Charles Heyer, ³ St. Johnsbury, 1932.
Frank Kenfield, ² 1903.	John Amadon, ² 1933.
J. E. Eldredge, ² 1904.	Harvey S. Powers, ⁵ Lyndonville, 1934-37.
S. H. Wood, ² 1905 (see Florida).	
C. S. Palmer, ² 1899, transferred from South Dakota.	

VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA (15)

[Organized December 23, 1871. Membership, December 31, 1937, 3. Post, 1]

Department commander----- CORNELIUS GARNER, Norfolk, Va.
Assistant adjutant general----- PETER WALKER, Norfolk, Va.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

William W. Eaton, ² 1874.	John W. Woodman, ² 1887-88.
William H. Appenzeller, ² 1875-76.	R. P. Wheeler, ² 1889.
William Ryder, ² 1877.	N. J. Smith, ² 1890.
R. G. Staples, ² 1878.	H. D. Nichols, ² 1891.
Richard Bond, ² 1879.	Edgar Allen, ² 1892.
A. B. Hurlburt, ² 1880.	W. Whitcomb, ² 1893.
W. Hervey King, ² 1881.	J. G. Fulton, ² 1894.
P. T. Woodfin, ² 1882-83.	James E. Porter, ² 1895 (see Pennsylvania).
B. C. Cook, ² 1884.	H. W. Weiss, ² 1896.
H. De B. Clay, ² 1885-86.	

² Deceased.³ National council of administration.⁵ Department commander.

VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA (15)—Continued

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS—continued

James W. Stebbins, ² 1897.	Isaac Powell, ² 1905.
James M. Davis, ² 1898 (see Pennsylvania).	D. R. Wilson, ² 1906 (see New York).
John W. Rutter, ² 1899.	A. A. Hager, ² 1907.
A. B. Heistand, ² 1900.	Thomas Fogarty, ² 1908.
Peter Morton, ² 1901.	Frank M. Work, ² 1909.
C. D. Grew, ² 1902.	Charles H. Haber, ² 1910–27 (died in office).
H. M. Haas, ² 1903.	Charles Grandy, ^{1 3} Norfolk, 1927–33.
J. C. Fowler, ² 1904.	Cornelius Garner, ⁵ Norfolk, 1934–37.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA (30)

[Organized June 20, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1937, 59. Posts, 15]

<i>Department commander</i> -----	RUSTAN O. REED, ^{1 22} Seattle.
<i>Senior vice department commander</i> -----	ISAAC B. WELCH, Spokane.
<i>Junior vice department commander</i> -----	S. B. TIFT, Everett.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	Z. L. GILBERT, Seattle.

REPRESENTATIVE

D. A. Reams,¹ Seattle

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

F. W. Sparling, ² provisional, 1878–82.	F. H. Hurd, ² 1911.
George D. Hill, ² 1883.	R. R. Harding, ² 1912.
H. A. Morrow, ² 1884.	J. E. Stewart, ² 1913.
A. M. Brooks, ² 1885.	H. R. Gale, Seattle, 1914.
C. M. Holton, ² 1886.	H. W. North, ² 1915.
A. P. Curry, ² 1887.	J. E. Gandy, ² 1916.
J. W. Sprague, ² 1888.	John J. See, ² 1917 (see California and Nevada).
C. S. Cosgrove, ² 1889.	S. F. Street, ² 1918.
M. M. Holmes, ² 1890.	A. A. Stevens, ² 1919.
D. G. Lovell, ² 1891.	O. D. McDonald, ² 1920 (see California and Nevada).
J. Sox Brown, ² 1892.	J. H. Coffman, ² 1921.
J. F. Sinclair, ² 1893.	Enoch Sears, ² 1922.
J. N. Scott, ² 1894.	W. P. Cragin, ² 1923 (died in office).
Norman Buck, ² 1895.	John A. Harris, ² 1923.
C. T. Patterson, ² 1896.	A. P. Lawrence, ² 1924.
J. F. McLean, ² 1897.	William J. Baker, ² 1925.
George W. Tibbetts, ² 1898.	J. H. Shaw, ² 1926.
J. W. Langley, ² 1899.	Byron Phelps, ² 1927.
B. R. Freeman, ² 1900.	Henry P. Burdick, ² 1928.
H. A. Bigelow, ² 1901.	Willis Richardson, ² 1929.
B. C. Bedell, ² 1902.	W. W. Work, ² 1930.
T. H. Cavanaugh, ² 1903.	R. W. Black, ² 1931.
F. M. Davis, ² 1904 (see California and Nevada).	T. F. Coley, ² 1932.
J. T. Goss, ² 1905.	Rustan O. Reed, ^{1 22} Seattle, 1933–34.
C. B. Dunning, ² 1906.	D. L. Crossen, ² 1935.
W. H. Mock, ² 1907.	George L. Foster, Seattle, 1936.
George H. Boardman, ² 1908.	L. A. Wilcox, ^{1 3} Tacoma, 1937.
Lyman Banks, ² 1909.	
W. H. Wiscombe, ² 1910 (see California and Nevada).	
John E. Phelps, ² 1889, transferred from Missouri.	
E. A. Shores, ² 1893, transferred from Wisconsin.	

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

George E. Paine, Bellingham, 1931.

PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER

J. H. Minor, Marysville, 1936.

¹ Present. ³ National council of administration. ²² National patriotic instructor.
² Deceased. ⁵ Department commander.

WEST VIRGINIA (28)

[Organized April 9, 1868; reorganized February 20, 1883. Membership, December 31, 1937, 25. Posts, 8]

Department commander----- A. T. McMURRAY, Washington.
Senior vice department commander----- WILLIAM SATOW, Parkersburg.
Junior vice department commander----- L. D. ULLOM,¹ Wheeling.
Assistant adjutant general----- THOMAS CARDER,³ Parkersburg.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

W. H. Flick,² 1883.
 C. B. Smith,² 1884.
 John Carlin,² 1885.
 G. W. Taggart,² 1886.
 Lee Haymond,² 1887.
 R. E. Fleming,² 1888.
 S. S. Hazen,² 1889.
 George Walker,² 1890.
 I. H. Duval,² 1891.
 Charles E. Anderson,² 1892.
 Anthony Smith,² 1893.
 F. H. Crago,² 1894.
 R. E. Lee,² 1895.
 R. H. Freer,² 1896.
 Thomas A. Maulsby,² 1897.
 Richard Robertson,² 1898.
 Charles R. LeValley,² 1899.
 Arnold Brandley,² 1900.
 M. B. Bartlett,² 1901.
 C. C. Mathews,² 1902.
 Alex C. Moore,² 1903.
 O. H. Michaelson,² 1904.
 J. W. Shroyer,² 1905.
 Thomas M. Mills,² 1906.
 I. M. Adams,² 1907.
 Thomas H. Marks,² 1908.
 D. Mayer,² 1909.

J. L. Caldwell,² 1910.
 Thomas V. Salisbury,² 1911.
 E. A. Billingslea,² 1912.
 John M. Millan,² 1913.
 T. G. Hammond,² 1914.
 C. T. Reed,² 1915.
 James T. Piggott,² 1916.
 S. R. Hanen, Moundsville, 1917.
 W. T. Cox,² 1918.
 L. B. Moore,² 1919.
 W. S. Grafton,² 1920.
 H. S. White,² 1921.
 W. S. Clark,² 1922.
 T. S. Bonar,² 1923.
 W. W. Rogers,² 1924.
 Smith Risinger,² 1925.
 William Keely,² 1926.
 P. Dunsmoor,² 1927.
 W. W. Riley,² 1928.
 J. T. McCombs,² 1929.
 Thomas Carder,³ Parkersburg, 1930.
 S. W. Coffee,² 1931-32.
 William H. Morris,² 1933 (died in office).
 Joseph M. Smith,² 1933-34.
 William M. Smith, Shadyside, Ohio,
 1935-36.
 William Satow,¹⁰ Parkersburg, 1937.

¹ Present.

² Deceased.

³ National council of administration.

¹⁰ Senior vice department commander.

WISCONSIN (2)

[Organized June 7, 1866. Membership, December 31, 1937, 78. Posts, 37]

Department commander-----	JOHN HART, ¹ La Crosse.
Senior vice department commander-----	JOSEPH MILLER, ¹ Richland Center.
Junior vice department commander-----	A. R. KIEBE, ¹ New Richmond.
Assistant adjutant general-----	W. P. BRYANT, ¹ Milwaukee.

REPRESENTATIVE

Barth Regli, Eau Claire.

PAST DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

James K. Proudfit, ² 1866.	J. P. Rundle, ² 1903.
H. A. Starr, ² 1867.	Pliny Norcross, ² 1904.
J. M. Rusk, ² 1868.	F. A. Copeland, ² 1905.
T. S. Allen, ² 1869-70.	John W. Ganes, ² 1906.
Edward Ferguson, ² 1871-72.	John C. Martin, ² 1907.
A. J. McCoy, ² 1873.	E. D. Coe, ² 1908 (died in office).
G. A. Hanaford, ² 1874-75.	R. B. Lang, ² 1909.
John Hancock, ² 1876.	William H. Grinnell, ² 1909.
H. G. Rogers, ² 1877.	Frank A. Walsh, ² 1910.
F. S. Hammond, ² 1878.	Hiram J. Smith, ² 1911.
Griff J. Thomas, ² 1879-81 (see Nebraska).	George W. Spratt, ² 1912.
H. M. Enos, ² 1882.	Charles H. Henry, ² 1913.
Philip Cheek, ² 1883-84.	Samuel A. Cook, ² 1914.
James Davidson, ² 1885.	W. J. McKay, ² 1915.
Lucius Fairchild, ² 1886.	O. L. Rosenkrans, ² 1916.
H. P. Fisher, ² 1886.	W. A. Wyse, ² 1917.
Michael Griffin, ² 1887.	George D. Breed, ² 1918.
A. G. Weissert, ² 1888.	Robert R. Campbell, ² 1919.
L. Ferguson, ² 1889.	Walter O. Pietsch, ² 1920.
Benjamin F. Bryant, ² 1890.	M. L. Snyder, ² 1921.
W. H. Upham, ² 1891.	James F. Carle, ² 1922.
C. B. Welton, ² 1892.	Alfred S. Eaton, ² 1923.
E. A. Shores, ² 1893 (see Washington and Alaska).	George W. Morton, ² 1924.
J. A. Watrous, ² 1894.	Henry Hase, ² 1925.
W. D. Hoard, ² 1895.	Henry Stannard, ² 1926.
D. Lloyd Jones, ² 1896.	Henry C. Eaton, ² 1927.
E. B. Gray, ² 1897.	G. H. Pounder, ² 1928.
C. H. Russell, ² 1898.	Lloyd D. Sampson, ² 1929.
Henry Harnden, ² 1899.	John H. Hellweg, ² 1930.
S. H. Talmadge, ² 1899.	W. H. Chesbrough, ¹ Beloit, 1931.
David J. James, ² 1900.	George L. Thomas, ² 1932.
A. H. DeGroff, ² 1901 (see California and Nevada).	Henry Held, ^{1 18} West Allis, 1933.
J. H. Agen, ² 1902.	Thaddeus Sheerin, Neenah, 1934.
	Charles M. Hambright, ³ Wood, 1935.
	Chas. F. Moulton, Madison, 1936.
	W. P. Bryant, ^{1 10} Milwaukee, 1937.

PAST SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

B. F. Funk, Waukesha, 1932.	Charles Davis, Oshkosh, 1935.
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PAST JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDERS

M. W. Parker, Whitewater, 1932.	Lloyd Breck, Merrill, 1935.
Royal Bigford, Fond du Lac, 1933.	

¹ Present.
² Deceased.
³ National council of administration.
¹⁰ Assistant adjutant general.
¹⁸ Senior vice commander in chief.

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Departments in order of seniority, according to dates of permanent organizations,
as heretofore announced

No.	Department	Organized
1	Illinois	Apr. 6, 1866
2	Wisconsin	June 7, 1866
3	Pennsylvania	Jan. 16, 1867
4	Ohio	Jan. 30, 1867
5	New York	Apr. 3, 1867
6	Connecticut	Apr. 11, 1867
7	Massachusetts	May 7, 1867
8	New Jersey	Dec. 10, 1867
9	Maine	Jan. 10, 1868
10	California and Nevada	Feb. 21, 1868
11	Rhode Island	Mar. 24, 1868
12	New Hampshire	June 30, 1868
13	Vermont	Oct. 23, 1868
14	Potomac, provisional department, organized Aug. 6, 1867	Feb. 13, 1869
15	Virginia and North Carolina	July. 27, 1871
	As Department of Virginia; name changed to Virginia and North Carolina	May 20, 1892
16	Maryland, organized Jan. 8, 1868, reorganized	June 9, 1876
17	Nebraska	June 11, 1877
18	Michigan, organized May 6, 1868, reorganized	Jan. 22, 1879
19	Iowa, organized Sept. 26, 1866; reorganized	Jan. 23, 1879
20	Indiana, organized Aug. 20, 1866, reorganized	Oct. 3, 1879
21	Colorado and Wyoming	Dec. 11, 1879
	As Department of the Mountains; name changed to Colorado July 31, 1882; name changed to Colorado and Wyoming	Aug. 28, 1889
22	Kansas, organized Dec. 7, 1867; reorganized	Mar. 16, 1880
23	Delaware	Jan. 14, 1881
24	Minnesota, organized Aug. 4, 1867; reorganized	Aug. 17, 1881
25	Missouri, organized May 16, 1867; reorganized	Apr. 22, 1882
26	Oregon	Sept. 28, 1882
27	Kentucky	Jan. 16, 1883
28	West Virginia, organized Apr. 9, 1868; reorganized	Feb. 20, 1883
29	South Dakota	Feb. 27, 1883
	As Department of Dakota; name changed to South Dakota	Apr. 11, 1890
30	Washington and Alaska	June 20, 1883
31	Arkansas	July 11, 1883
32	New Mexico ¹	July 14, 1883
33	Utah	Oct. 9, 1883
34	Tennessee ¹	Feb. 26, 1884
35	Louisiana and Mississippi	May 15, 1884
	As Department of the Gulf; name changed to Louisiana and Mississippi	June 13, 1888
36	Florida	June 19, 1884
37	Montana	Mar. 10, 1885
38	Texas	Mar. 25, 1885
39	Idaho	Jan. 11, 1888
40	Arizona ¹	Jan. 17, 1888
41	Georgia and South Carolina ¹	Jan. 25, 1889
42	Alabama	Mar. 12, 1889
43	North Dakota	Apr. 23, 1890
44	Oklahoma	Apr. 7, 1890
	As Department of Oklahoma and Indian Territory; name changed to Oklahoma	July 3, 1891
45	Indian Territory	Do.
	Consolidated with and merged into the Department of Oklahoma, May 19-22, 1908.	

¹ Charter surrendered.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
OF THE ENCAMPMENT

PROCEEDINGS OF THE SEVENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, AT DES MOINES, IOWA, SEPTEMBER 4 TO 8, 1938

The Seventy-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic convened in the ballroom of the Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa, at 2:22 p. m. on Wednesday, September 7, 1938, Commander in Chief Overton H. Mennet, of Los Angeles, Calif., presiding.

Commander in Chief MENNET. This is the regular meeting of the Seventy-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. [All present found to be members of the order and entitled to seats.] Comrades, once more we have assembled for the transaction of such business as may properly come before this encampment. We meet in fraternity, charity, and loyalty, and may all our hearts unite as one in sustaining the great objects of our association.

The chaplain will invoke the Divine blessing.

Chaplain in Chief MARTIN V. STONE. Almighty Father, our Creator, our Preserver, our Guide and Protector, humbly we bow in Thy presence in thanksgiving for life, for the care we have shared, for every blessing that has nourished and every grace that has beautified and sanctified our comradeship in the past.

We give Thee thanks for the mercy that has brought us to this hour, for the guidance and protecting care that in day or night, in place of danger, wherever we have been, has given us a consciousness of that Divine guidance and that blessed ministry that has made life so sweet and experience so glad.

We thank Thee for the lives of those whose love for the land in which they lived was such that in the emergencies that visited their time they so freely gave their lives for it; and we bless Thee, our Heavenly Father, that this land, sanctified by their devotion, made more dear to us by their loyalty, is yet in its integrity and unity, sharing with us Thy divine guidance and keeping.

We pray that those who have met the emergencies of life in the crisis of greatest sorrow may be comforted with every privilege of comradeship and fellowship with our fellow men and may be sanctified by the grace we need to do Thy will.

We invoke Thy blessing upon this encampment and pray that our organization, which has so well performed its service in the past, may continue under Thy guidance to lead and keep and help and bless us. Bless those who have authority, bless those whose special duties shall be given to these occasions.

And when we have fulfilled Thy will in every relation which we may undertake, in the name that shall most please Thee, may we go to

join the great company that have passed from service here to the muster roll of those who have entered into rest. We ask it all in the name of Thy wisdom and grace, who art, indeed, the Great Commander of our rest. Amen.

Commander in Chief MENNET. We will all join in singing the first and last verses of America. [Verses sung.] I now declare this Seventy-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic open for such business as may regularly come before it.

Comrade JONATHAN HOLLINGSWORTH, of Missouri, Commander in Chief, I wish to present you this gavel as a memento of this occasion. I secured some of the finest pieces of wood, curly maple, in Grand Rapids, Mich., and I formed this mallet out of that. While in Gettysburg I secured a little piece of white maple that I made the handle of. It won't amount to very much to you today, but in after years probably looking at that may bring to your mind some of the sweet memories of the past. Probably your children, or your grandchildren, or some of your relatives, will appreciate it. It was made by an old comrade almost 93 years old, made and presented to you while you were commander in chief. And now, Commander, accept that little token of authority. You will take with it our kindest regards and best wishes for your future welfare and happiness. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief MENNET. Thank you, Comrade. This will be a great memento to me and a remembrance of this happy occasion. This has been a wonderful encampment, and it will live in my memory as long as I live. I think my children will treasure this long after I am gone. I thank you.

The roll of officers was then called by Adjutant General Russell C. Martin, and all were found to be present.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Is the committee on credentials ready to report? If so, we will have the report at this time.

Adjutant General MARTIN (reading):

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

Your committee on credentials met Monday, September 5, and received credentials from all departments except Alabama, Delaware, Louisiana and Mississippi, Maryland, Montana, Oklahoma, Potomac and Vermont, from which departments no representatives have reported. The net voting strength of the national encampment is 415.

Respectfully submitted.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN.
JOSEPH B. HENNINGER.
M. H. DAVIDSON.
SOL ZARBAUGH.

Commander in Chief MENNET. You have heard the report. Has there been anyone overlooked? We will have now the reports of the officers, beginning with the commander in chief. As your commander in chief feels that it is necessary to conserve his strength, and he has many things to do yet today, I have deputed that privilege to our reporter and he has consented to read this report.

(Senior Vice Commander in Chief Henry Held assumed the chair, and the address of the commander in chief was then read to the encampment by the shorthand reporter, as follows:)

ADDRESS OF COMMANDER IN CHIEF

My comrades, one year ago in Madison, Wis., you placed in my charge the destiny and direction of the Grand Army of the Republic for the coming year. Today I render to you an account of my stewardship, assuring you that in all cases I have done what seemed to me best for our organization.

Thursday evening, September 9, while a guest at a California dinner in honor of my election, I was taken away hurriedly to the Marine Band concert at the University Stadium and reached there just in time to sing *Tenting Tonight* on the Old Camp Ground, accompanied by the United States Marine Band.

Following the close of the national encampment I left for Chicago accompanied by Adjutant General Martin and Secretary Flood. Here Colonel Martin left us and Miss Flood and I went to Pittsburgh to arrange for shipping the headquarters books and papers to Los Angeles. September 16 we left for Washington, D. C., where I was to be a guest at the Government observance of the adoption of the Constitution of the United States, under the direction of the Sesquicentennial Commission. The exercises were held in the Sylvan Theater and the address was delivered by President Roosevelt. Despite the damp, chilly evening, an immense crowd attended. We left late that evening for Philadelphia, where on Saturday I inspected the supplies in the office of the quartermaster general.

That afternoon we left for New York City, where I was to be the guest in the Pennsylvania Hotel of the American Legion during its national convention. I was met at the station by a member of the distinguished guests committee, E. Snapper Ingram, of Los Angeles, who looked after my comfort the entire week. I was taken to all the public meetings in company with Secretary of War Harry H. Woodring and Mrs. Woodring. I extended the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic at the opening session on Monday and on Tuesday was one of the reviewing party during the national convention parade. I was a guest at a luncheon tendered National Commander Colmery and the distinguished guests of the American Legion by Hon. Grover Whalen, president of the New York World's Fair Corporation, and also attended a reception given by Hon. Herbert L. Lehman, Governor of New York.

On Monday afternoon Julius Isaacs, department secretary, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, brought seven of the New York comrades to call on me and I took them with me to pay an official call on National Commander Colmery.

Saturday, September 25, I left New York City for a visit in my old home in Indiana and reached Los Angeles early in October. October 7 the Los Angeles Tents of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War held a reception in honor of their department president, Mrs. Eugenia Salisbury, and myself, which was attended by more than 250 people. I was presented with a small chest containing a liberal gift of money.

October 14 our national secretary arrived from the East and national headquarters were opened that day in room 202, Patriotic Hall. October 15 I was tendered a reception by Stanton Post, of which I am a member, and Stanton Corps, and received the congratulations of a large number of the members of the organizations comprising the

Grand Army family. October 22 I attended a reception given by Post No. 17, of Santa Ana, in honor of Department Commander John W. Grimes. November 1 the Los Angeles Veterans of Foreign Wars gave me a reception, and November 3 the United Spanish War Veterans also honored me, both receptions being held in Patriotic Hall.

November 6 Adjutant General Martin and I were guests of the Woman's Relief Corps of Santa Barbara and vicinity, and on November 7 we attended the church services held by the American Legion in commemoration of Armistice Day. November 12, accompanied by Adjutant General Martin, Chief of Staff Lockwood, and Department Commander Grimes, I visited the Woman's Relief Corps Home at Santa Clara for 2 days, going from there to San Jose, where the Grand Army post and their allies gave a reception and dinner. From there we were driven to San Francisco, where the Grand Army posts and allied orders gave a reception and luncheon on the 18th and on the 19th the posts and allies in Oakland and Berkeley gave a reception and luncheon for us. November 27 we went to San Diego, where the Grand Army posts entertained in our honor. In December I attended the Christmas parties given by the various Grand Army societies in Los Angeles for the comrades.

In January I installed the officers of several posts and attended the installations of several of our associated organizations. January 17 I left for Des Moines, Iowa, accompanied by the adjutant general and the secretary. We were joined there by Past Commander in Chief Oley Nelson and Comrade W. W. Nixon, members of the executive committee; Judge Advocate General James W. Willett; the national presidents of our auxiliary and allied orders; and the commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. For 2 days we were kept busy making arrangements for the seventy-second national encampment.

From Des Moines we went to Chicago, where, on Saturday evening, January 22, a dinner was given in honor of the commander in chief; the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Kothe; the national president of the Ladies of the G. A. R., Mrs. Orpha M. Whitaker; the national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Mary M. Manning; the commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, William Allan Dyer; and the national president of the Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Margaret C. Brady.

The next day, accompanied by the national presidents and members of their staffs, I left for Washington, D. C., where the department encampment of the Department of the Potomac and the Women's Patriotic Conference on National Defense were to meet the next week. We arrived Monday morning and that afternoon Mrs. Moree Buckles McElroy took me, with the adjutant general and secretary, to call on Department Commander Kline, who was ill. We discussed many things relative to the affairs in the Potomac Department and after promising to have some of the troublesome matters taken care of, we persuaded him that the Department of the Potomac should not surrender its charter, but should continue to carry on, while one member survived. That evening the board of directors of the national headquarters of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War held a reception at national headquarters in honor of their national president and myself, following which we attended the installation

of officers of Ellen Spencer Mussey Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans, and their installation dinner at the Raleigh Hotel.

Tuesday morning we called on General Hines to discuss matters concerning our comrades and the Civil War widows and that noon I was the guest of Mrs. Kothe at the luncheon of the American Coalition in the Carlton Hotel. In the afternoon I attended the unveiling of a tablet in the Willard Hotel, erected by the National Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic in honor of Julia Ward Howe, who was living in that hotel when she wrote "The Battle Hymn of the Republic," and by request I sang one verse of the hymn. That evening we attended the opening meeting of the Conference on National Defense where I was presented to the audience by the presiding officer.

Wednesday we attended the encampment of the Department of Potomac at the home of Mrs. Moree B. McElroy; five comrades were present and Past Department Commander William F. Dorsey presided in the absence of Commander Kline, who was too ill to attend. The principal action taken at the encampment was the adoption of a resolution asking the commander in chief to request the Secretary of the Treasury to transfer to the custody of the Secretary of the Interior, the flag which draped the Presidential box the night President Lincoln was assassinated. Wednesday evening I was the guest of the national president of the Women's Relief Corps at the National Defense Conference banquet and Adjutant-General Martin was the guest of the National Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. This was a brilliant affair, attended by about 800 people, among them many prominent Members of the Senate and the House. The applause given me on my introduction shows the warm place which the Grand Army of the Republic occupies in the affection of the American people.

Thursday morning General Hines took us to call on President Roosevelt and I told him of legislation we wished for the relief of our comrades and widows, who are not now eligible for a pension. The matter was left for discussion by him and General Hines, but nothing has come of the conference. Leaving the White House we called on the Chief Clerk of the Treasury to ascertain how to secure the transfer of the Lincoln flag. Acting on his advice, on my return home I sent a letter to Secretary of the Treasury Henry Morgenthau, Jr., asking him to transfer the flag to Secretary of the Interior Harold F. Ickes, for deposit in the Ford Theater with other Lincoln relics. Department Commander Kline has informed me that the flag has been transferred, but some repairs must be made before it can be placed on exhibition. We express our appreciation to Secretaries Morgenthau and Ickes for acceding so promptly to the wishes of the Grand Army of the Republic. Thursday evening I attended the banquet given by the Department of Potomac Woman's Relief Corps for the department encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Friday afternoon, January 28, I left for Philadelphia accompanied by Adjutant-General Martin; Secretary Flood; Mrs. Elizabeth L. Kothe, national president, Woman's Relief Corps; her national secretary, Mrs. Marie Basham, and national aide, Mrs. Blanche Hamilton; Mrs. Mary M. Manning, national president, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and her national junior vice president, Mrs. Bertha M. Droz. Mrs. Orpha Whitaker, national president,

Ladies of the G. A. R., joined us on Saturday. Saturday afternoon I installed the officers of Post No. 2, Grand Army of the Republic, before a gathering which filled the large hall to capacity. After the installation the Grand Army Association of Philadelphia, composed of all the posts in the city, held a reception followed by a dinner. It was a splendid occasion, ably handled for the Grand Army by Walter Mabie, past commander-in-chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

That evening we went to New York, where we were the guests of the Grand Army societies. Miss Beatrice J. Tyson, past national president, Woman's Relief Corps, chairman of the committee, had arranged for the visit and we were grieved to learn on our arrival that her father, Comrade Tyson, had died that afternoon, which saddened our visit. Julius Isaacs, department secretary of the Sons of Union Veterans, ably substituted for Miss Tyson as chairman and Sunday afternoon he took Colonel Martin and me to visit General Grant's tomb. We were joined in New York Saturday evening by Mrs. Emma W. Campbell, past national president, Woman's Relief Corps, and Sunday Past Senior Vice Commander in Chief Edwin H. Lincoln arrived. That evening Miss Rose Sutton, past national secretary, Woman's Relief Corps, acting for Miss Tyson, took me with Colonel Martin and Comrade Lincoln, Mrs. Kothe, Mrs. Basham, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Manning, and Mrs. Droz to Radio City, where we were guests at the Lavender and Old Lace program.

Mrs. Margaret C. Brady, national president, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, arrived Monday noon and that afternoon a reception was tendered to us in the Pennsylvania Hotel, followed by supper. Here we had an opportunity to visit with the comrades, 18 of whom were present.

Monday evening my party started homeward, my first stop being in Chicago, where I attended the funeral of Comrade Julius Henry Reed and assisted in the Grand Army funeral service and also sang a hymn and Taps. Comrade Reed was superintendent of Memorial Hall and honorary commander in chief of the Loyal Legion.

Wednesday night, accompanied by Mrs. Kothe and Mrs. Manning, we left for Lincoln, Nebr. At noon we were guests of the Woman's Relief Corps at a luncheon in the Lincoln Hotel and that night were guests at a banquet in the Cornhusker Hotel sponsored by all the organizations connected with the Grand Army of the Republic. Representatives of the State and city were present and also officers and members of all the younger veterans' organizations. Friday we were taken to call on Governor Cochrane and then to the United States Veterans' Hospital, where we visited the veterans, who were having lunch in the dining hall. Greetings and words of encouragement were extended by all our party and I sang *The Old Flag Never Touched the Ground, Boys*. This is a splendid hospital and the veterans there are in charge of a capable and sympathetic manager. We went from there to the Lincoln Hotel to a luncheon given by Sarah D. Gillespie Tent, Daughters of Union Veterans, and immediately after I was taken to a broadcasting station, where I extended the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic and recited Lincoln's *Gettysburg Address*.

Early in the evening we left for Denver, where we were met by Inspector General Hoffman and an enthusiastic committee Saturday morning at 6:30, proof of a genuine welcome. Past Commander in Chief James E. Jewel and Mrs. Jewel joined us that morning and we visited with comrades and friends all day. That evening we were tendered a reception and Sunday noon a dinner in the Shirley-Savoy, at which more than 250 comrades and allies were present from all over the department. Many of them went to the station to see us leave, later taking Mrs. Kothe to her train.

I arrived in Salt Lake City with Colonel Martin, Miss Flood, and Mrs. Manning on Monday morning, February 7, in the coldest weather we had experienced on the entire trip. This was compensated for, in a large degree, by the warmth of the welcome given us. At noon we were taken to the organ recital in the Mormon Tabernacle and then to a luncheon given by Susannah Eaton Tent of the Daughters of Union Veterans. That afternoon we were driven around the city and in the evening a reception was given in the Hotel Utah. Members of the Grand Army societies attended and veterans of all wars were present, one camp of the United Spanish War Veterans having adjourned its meeting to "greet the commander in chief of the Grand Army," they said.

The next morning we left for San Francisco, arriving Wednesday morning, and we visited all day with the comrades and that evening were guests of the Daughters of Union Veterans of San Francisco and the Bay District at a banquet at the Athletic Club in Oakland. Although one of the worst wind and rainstorms of the winter was raging, several comrades were present.

We arrived home in Los Angeles the evening of February 10, after having traveled more than 7,500 miles. Mrs. Manning went to San Diego and on her return I attended the reception tendered her Saturday afternoon in the club room, Patriotic Hall, by the Tents of Los Angeles and vicinity and she left that night for her home in Seattle. The first week in March, Mrs. Orpha M. Whitaker, national president, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, made an official visit to Los Angeles and I was very glad to be among those who paid tribute to her at a reception in Patriotic Hall, followed by a dinner in Hotel Rosslyn. Early in March we received word of the terrible accident in which Mrs. Kothe was so badly injured and which has confined her to her home the greater part of the year and prevented her from accompanying me on visits to department encampments.

April 5 I left for Providence, R. I., where I was to attend the fathers' and daughters' banquet of the Daughters on Saturday night, April 9, with tree plantings and flag presentations of the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic on Sunday afternoon and the department encampment of the Grand Army on Monday morning. The weather decreed otherwise and for 2 days my train was stalled in the worst snowstorm of the season. All wires were down and no communication could be had with any place. Fortunately our train had fuel and electricity and the diner was plentifully supplied with food, although the train ahead of us had been without heat or food for some time before we reached it. When we finally started we traveled for some distance through a ravine of snow higher than our car.

The Los Angeles papers had announced Friday morning that all trains from Los Angeles, due in Kansas City Thursday and Friday, were lost and location unknown. As a result of this announcement, on my arrival in Chicago Sunday, by instruction of our Secretary, a railroad representative met me with a reservation on the earliest train to Boston and I finally reached Providence during the luncheon following the adjournment of the Encampment. That afternoon I visited the conventions of the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the G. A. R. and that evening attended the encampment banquet, following which I was driven to Boston with Mrs. Annie P. Atwood and Mrs. Mary J. Love, past national presidents, Woman's Relief Corps.

Tuesday morning, April 12, Past Senior Vice Commander in Chief Edwin H. Lincoln met me at the Hotel Statler and acted as my escort during my visit to the Massachusetts encampment. I visited the conventions of all the orders, attended the banquets of the Daughters of Union Veterans and the Woman's Relief Corps and the receptions of the Ladies of the G. A. R. and of the Sons of Union Veterans and auxiliary. Wednesday I attended the department encampment and installed the officers. A dinner followed the encampment which was attended by representatives of the State and city and members of other veteran organizations. Following the dinner, by courtesy of Gen. Charles H. Cole, adjutant general of Massachusetts, who offered his car, Comrade Lincoln took me to Lexington and Concord. That night I attended the department campfire under the auspices of the Woman's Relief Corps. The striking feature of the evening to me was the presentation through the efforts of the department patriotic instructor and patriotic aides of about 75 silk flags of parade size to schools, churches, and Boy and Girl Scout troops. It was a most inspiring sight.

Thursday morning I left for Concord, N. H., to attend the New Hampshire encampment. The attendance here was less than in Boston, but the spirit of comradeship and desire to carry on was just as great. All of the allied orders were meeting here, as in Boston, and I visited them all, extending the greetings of my organization. I attended the camp fire that night and, when requested, sang several old songs, after my remarks. Friday, after installing the officers, I left for Boston to start my homeward journey, intending to stop in Des Moines on Easter Sunday to visit Mrs. Kothe at the hospital and then drive to Slater to see Past Commander in Chief Nelson who had suffered a stroke a month before.

On my arrival in Chicago Saturday evening, Miss Clara F. Hoover, department secretary of Illinois Department, Grand Army of the Republic, met me and invited me to attend a meeting of the Cook County Memorial Day Association in Memorial Hall. Here I found a representative from every unit of every veterans' organization and auxiliaries in the county. I was invited to address them and later Miss Hoover took me to the station and I started for Des Moines.

On my arrival at the Kirkwood Hotel I received a telegram from Miss Flood, announcing the death of Comrade Nelson and stating that she had changed my reservation out of Des Moines from Sunday evening to Monday evening, that I might attend the funeral, and the railroad agent arrived with my tickets before I reached my room. I visited Mrs. Kothe at the hospital that afternoon and was amazed to

find her so courageous in spite of her injuries and determined to carry on to the best of her ability, from her room, and we all agree that she has been a good soldier.

Monday morning I had a conference with General Logan, chairman, and Mrs. Early, secretary of the encampment committee, on encampment matters. At noon, Mr. W. F. Hathaway, past commander of the Sons of Union Veterans, drove me, with Past Commander in Chief James W. Willett and Past Department Commander T. J. Noll, to Slater. Seven comrades were present. Judge Willett acted as commander and I acted as chaplain and second comrade for the service, and sang Lead Kindly Light, the Vacant Chair, and Taps, at the close of the service. I could not remain in Slater for the interment, so Mr. Hathaway drove me back to Des Moines and I left for Kansas City, arriving in Los Angeles Wednesday, April 20, after a journey of more than 6,600 miles.

May 1, I went to Santa Monica to attend the encampment of the Department of California and Nevada. There I found the largest number of comrades in attendance at any encampment, 75 registering and attending the encampment sessions. May 2, the comrades were invited to attend the fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the National Soldiers' Home in Sawtelle and were guests at luncheon in the dining hall. At the exercises following, Colonel Bringham introduced the distinguished guests present and as your representative I received a great ovation. Then followed a busy week, with a banquet every night from Sunday through Thursday, and luncheons, tree plantings, and flag presentations every day. I was glad to welcome to our California encampment Mrs. Manning, national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans, and Mrs. Margaret C. Brady, national president of the Sons' Auxiliary, and all regretted that Mrs. Brady was obliged to leave early in the week for visits elsewhere.

May 8, I left with Adjutant General Martin for Portland, Oreg., to attend the Oregon Department encampment. There were but a few comrades present, but they showed their desire to keep the department up to its high standard. The Woman's Relief Corps Convention was also in session and we visited them and were their guests at the many social functions and attended the luncheon given the comrades by the local tent. We went from Portland to Seattle, Wash., on Thursday, where National Patriotic Instructor Rustan O. Reed and a committee met us. We were driven around their beautiful city and that evening we were tendered a banquet, attended by a large number of comrades and allies.

May 14, we left for the California Veterans' Home in Yountville and spent two interesting, restful days there with Colonel Nelson O. Holderman, commandant, inspecting the many new buildings which had been erected and the changes which had taken place since Colonel Martin was commandant there. We arrived home May 19 and for the rest of the month I was occupied with preparations for Memorial Day. At the exercises in the Memorial Coliseum, under the auspices of the Veterans of All Wars, Colonel Martin read General Logan's Memorial Day Order No. 11 and I recited Lincoln's Gettysburg Address and also sang Taps.

June 12 I left Los Angeles to attend the Indiana encampment in Kokomo on June 15, expecting to arrive at noon, but floods caused

by the heavy rains delayed my arrival until early evening. I attended the sessions of the encampment for which 27 comrades had registered and during the next 2 days visited the conventions of all the allied orders and attended all of their social functions. I remained here for a rest following the encampment and am indebted to Mr. Willis Dyer and Comrade Williams for a delightful ride around Kokomo.

June 18 I went to Columbus, Ohio, for the Ohio encampment. I attended all of their meetings, luncheons, banquets, and the campfires on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday, which kept me busy. There was a fine attendance of comrades and members of the auxiliary and allied organizations.

I arrived in Washington, Pa., the morning of June 22 in time to review the encampment parade. I attended the encampment sessions and the campfire and installed the officers with Past Commander in Chief C. H. William Ruhe as department commander. I also visited the conventions of all the organizations meeting with the Grand Army. At the close of the encampment I went to Pittsburgh, en route to Gettysburg.

GETTYSBURG

The invitation to the Grand Army of the Republic to participate in the reunion of the Blue and the Gray in celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg gave much concern and caused much additional work at national headquarters during the year. Circular Letter No. 1 issued May 16 covered the matter thoroughly and I do not believe that any of our members regret that I decided to take the responsibility of accepting the invitation of the Gettysburg Commission.

When I reached the Fort Pitt Hotel in Pittsburgh, June 24, the manager, Mr. W. E. Morris, showed me many courtesies. He notified the president of the chamber of commerce, who called on me, and notified the newspapers of my arrival. He also phoned the Gettysburg Commission in Gettysburg of the time of my arrival in Harrisburg on June 25 and made my reservation at the Gettysburg Hotel, for all of which I am deeply grateful.

On my arrival at Harrisburg I was met by the president of the chamber of commerce and Lt. J. B. Carville and Lt. Warren Lindall, who took me to Gettysburg in the automobile of Senator Rice, chairman of the Gettysburg Commission. Sunday Mr. Paul Roy, Secretary of the Gettysburg Commission, and Admiral Foote took me to the headquarters of Senator J. S. Rice, Col. Milton G. Baker and Gen. Edward C. Shannon, where I met Dr. Henry W. A. Hanson, president of Gettysburg College, with Mrs. Hanson, Mrs. Rice and Mrs. Roy, and many photographs were taken of the group.

Monday and Tuesday I spent in looking over the camps and in being interviewed by representatives of the various press associations. Tuesday a newsreel company representative took me to the room in the Wills House where Lincoln wrote his memorable address. Here pictures were taken of me placing flowers on the desk at which he wrote the address and of me reading it from a framed copy hanging on the wall.

June 29, at 5:30 a. m., the first official train arrived in Gettysburg with 135 comrades and attendants from southern California, followed

by a train from the South, at 5:45 a. m. and a second train from southern California at 7 a. m., with 128 comrades and attendants. All that day and the next the special trains kept arriving until a total of 1,500 or more veterans were registered in the Union camp and about 500 veterans in the Confederate camp. I take pride in the fact that there were more comrades from California than from any other State, as in addition to the comrades mentioned above, two special cars with 50 comrades and attendants, went from northern California and several went by automobile. When I visited the camp Wednesday morning I found that the adjutant-general and secretary had arrived, so I moved from the hotel that afternoon into tent No. 1 on First Street. When I arrived in Gettysburg I had asked that all my officers be assigned to tents near me and the adjutant of the camp said he would comply with my request so far as possible. However, but a part of the staff could be so assigned: Adjutant General Martin in tent 2, Secretary Flood in tent 3, Chief of Staff Lockwood in tent 4, Quartermaster General Fowler in tent 6, Chaplain in Chief Stone in tent 7, and Judge Advocate General Willett in tent 8. I was pleased to learn on Friday that all national officers had arrived and all past commanders in chief but comrade E. J. Foster, and I regretted very much that some of them were located so far from headquarters. A large headquarters tent with two porches had been set up and on Friday I had it moved nearer my sleeping tent. Facing the main highway, Mummasburg Pike, with a large flag on the pole in front, it was easily reached and there was a constant stream of visitors.

The morning of July 1 I was taken to the Gettysburg Commission Headquarters where I met Governor and Mrs. Earle, Secretary of War Woodring, Senator and Mrs. Rice, Dr. Henry Hanson, president of Gettysburg College, and Mrs. Hanson and Rev. J. M. Claypool, commander in chief, United Confederate Veterans, and many photographs of the group were taken by the United States Army photographer. July 1 was Reunion Day and the exercises were held in Gettysburg College Stadium at 2 p. m., the program being sent out on a Nation-wide broadcast. I delivered an address as commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, representing the Union veterans, and Chaplain in Chief Stone gave the opening prayer.

July 2 was Veterans' Day. The Civil War veterans were seated in the grandstand and reviewed a wonderful parade, participated in by all units from the Regular Army camp and from the Pennsylvania National Guard camp, the United Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and Disabled American War Veterans. That evening a meeting was held in the stadium at which addresses were delivered by the national commanders of all the younger veterans' organizations. When introduced, by request I sang *Tenting Tonight* on the Old Camp Ground, accompanied by the United States Marine Band.

Sunday morning, July 3, two services were held in the college stadium; a military mass at 7:30 o'clock, the preacher being a member of the faculty of Emmitsburg College, Emmitsburg, Md., and a son of a Union veteran of the Civil War, and a service at 10 o'clock conducted by Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, of Philadelphia, Pa., a son of a Confederate veteran. That evening at 6:30 o'clock the Eternal

Light Peace Monument was dedicated and unveiled on Oak Ridge, the President of the United States delivering the dedication address. There were several hundred thousand people on the field and in the vicinity when a veteran in Blue and a veteran in Gray pulled the cords which unveiled the monument. It pleased me very much to find that out of the hundreds of Union veterans present, the commission had selected Chief of Staff George N. Lockwood to represent the Union veterans, unaware of his office in our organization. Monday the Regular Army units held military ceremonies and a demonstration in the morning and afternoon and that evening there was a wonderful display of fireworks with aerial maneuvers.

Tuesday the special trains began to move out of Gettysburg, 1,300 comrades and attendants leaving that day for home, and on Wednesday the evacuation continued until 11:15 p. m., when Colonel Harris and his aides and our secretary saw the last train leave. Wednesday I had moved to the Gettysburg Hotel with Colonel Martin and Miss Flood and Thursday we were taken over the battlefield and park by Mr. James McConaghie, superintendent of the Gettysburg Park, and Dr. Tilberg, park historian. Friday we left for Des Moines, Iowa, to check up on arrangements for the national encampment. While there we drove to Parkersburg to visit Mrs. Kothe and were much pleased to find that she had discarded the crutches and was able to walk a little around the house, which gave us assurance that she would be able to preside at her convention in September. We arrived home on July 15, feeling that the Gettysburg reunion had been a success. We express our sincere appreciation to Senator Rice, chairman, and Paul Roy, secretary of the Gettysburg Commission; to Gen. Henry Gibbins and Col. John T. Harris, executive officers of the Federal Commission, and to Col. Milton G. Baker, executive officer of the anniversary camp, and to their able assistants who so sympathetically and patiently handled the various problems presented to them by the veterans and attendants, and to the Boy Scouts. We were happy that no death occurred during the time the camp was officially open, and only five deaths during the following week. Considering the average age of the veterans, that is indeed surprising.

Wednesday, July 27, Colonel Martin and I attended a luncheon and a reception at Santa Barbara, held in honor of Mrs. Louise Haider, department president of the Woman's Relief Corps, and Friday, August 19, I attended the dedication of a tree on City Hall grounds, Los Angeles, planted in my honor by Stanton Relief Corps.

MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCES

As is to be expected, our membership is being depleted and as a consequence our income is less, both in per capita tax received and in amount of sales of supplies. The reports of the adjutant general and quartermaster general will give detailed information. It is interesting to note that the loss from all causes is not so great in proportion to membership as in other years.

IN MEMORIAM

"Taps" have sounded for many prominent officers and former officers, among them Past Commander in Chief Oley Nelson, two

past adjutants general, a past surgeon general, two past senior vice commanders in chief, a past junior vice commander in chief, nine members of the national council of administration, six department commanders, and five assistant adjutants general, all of whom will be greatly missed in the national encampment.

DEPARTMENT ENCAMPMENTS

I regretted that it was impossible for me to visit all department encampments, but I sent representatives wherever possible. I would have been glad to have sent representatives to all encampments, but the action of the national encampment in eliminating an appropriation for such purpose prevented. I attended encampments and made official visits in 16 departments and detailed comrades to represent me as follows: Senior Vice Commander in Chief Henry Held in Wisconsin, Junior Vice Commander in Chief Robert M. Rownd in New York, Judge Advocate General James W. Willett in Iowa, National Patriotic Instructor Rustan O. Reed in Washington and Alaska, Senior Aide-de-Camp J. W. Carroll in South Dakota, North Dakota, and Minnesota, Past Commander in Chief James E. Jewel in Colorado and Wyoming and Past Senior Vice Commander in Chief Edwin H. Lincoln in Connecticut. To them I express my hearty appreciation and thanks for accepting the details.

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I acknowledge my indebtedness to all officers of my staff and to all who have served on committees. I am deeply grateful to all members of the Grand Army of the Republic and members of the auxiliary and allied orders for the many courtesies shown me during my various visits and for the flowers and gifts presented me. To Mrs. Elizabeth L. Kothe, national president, Woman's Relief Corps; Mrs. Orpha M. Whitaker, national president, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Mrs. Mary M. Manning, national president, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; William Allan Dyer, commander in chief, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Mrs. Margaret Brady, national president, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans, I am deeply grateful for courtesies and for the spirit of cooperation shown.

My sincere thanks are due and freely given my faithful and efficient adjutant general, Russell C. Martin, for the splendid support and advice so kindly given me during the year. I cordially commend the efficient work of our national secretary, Katharine R. A. Flood. Her long years of service, earnest endeavor, and wide and personal acquaintance with our members and those of our allied orders, her knowledge of the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic and the entire organization, render her an invaluable aid to the commander in chief.

CONCLUSION

The time is near when I shall be called on to surrender my office and authority to my successor. I ardently hope I have met your

expectations during my term of office. My one desire has been to be of helpful service to my comrades and our allies.

Again I thank you for the high honor bestowed on me by your election of me as commander in chief of our wonderful organization.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief HELD. You have heard the address of the commander in chief. What shall we do with the communication?

Adjutant General MARTIN. I move that the report be received and the proper committee appointed.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief HELD. It will be referred to a special committee. So carried.

Commander in Chief MENNET (resuming the chair). We will have the announcement of the committee: C. H. Wm. Ruhe, Pennsylvania; John E. Andrew, Illinois; Theodore A. Penland, Oregon.

Adjutant General MARTIN. I move that the other reports be referred to a committee without reading.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Is there a second to that motion? (Motion seconded.) Moved and properly supported that the remaining reports be referred to a committee for report. Are you ready for the question? All in favor of it will signify it by saying "Aye." Contrary, "No." The ayes have it, so ordered. That committee will consist of: A. C. Estabrook, Michigan; Ira R. Wildman, Connecticut; and Joseph F. Stoddard, Massachusetts.

Miss KATHARINE R. A. FLOOD, secretary to the Grand Army of the Republic. There are four greetings committees in waiting: Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Des Moines; Des Moines Council of the American Legion Auxiliary; the commander in chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; and the national representative of their Auxiliary. They are all in waiting.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Officer of the Day, you will admit the first committee entitled here, and the others if they wish to come into the room and hear the proceedings.

The OFFICER OF THE DAY (Comrade GEORGE N. LOCKWOOD, of California and Nevada). I have pleasure in introducing to you representatives of Auxiliary 3626, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

ADA STEARNS, senior vice president. On behalf of the Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars No. 3626, we wish to extend greetings and hope you will have a pleasant convention.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Thank you very much.

MAY NELSON, junior vice president. Commander in Chief, these veterans you see down here look to you defenders of the Union as their inspiration. I hope that you may have many, many years yet, and I know that you will carry on. Your ideas of patriotism have been a great example and will continue to be.

Commander in Chief MENNET. This afternoon we are glad to have you come to visit us. The only question is how much longer we may enjoy the pleasure of your coming here and visiting our encampment. I want to thank you for coming.

(The committee retired.)

Comrades, it is suggested that any of you that desire to do so may remove your coats and keep as cool as you can. I don't think you will be as cool as a cucumber, but you ought to be cooler than you are now.

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. Commander in Chief, I have the pleasure of introducing the Auxiliary to the American Legion. (Mrs. Earle Fessler, chairman; Belle Turner, secretary-treasurer.)

Commander in Chief MENNET. We are happy to meet you. I know you will excuse me for not calling the comrades up. It is quite an effort for them to be getting up and down, and it is very hot today, so the committee will excuse us for not calling them up. Shall we hear from you?

Mrs. FESSLER. Mr. Commander and members of the G. A. R., it is my privilege to bring to you today greetings from the American Legion Auxiliary of Des Moines, and wish you a very happy convention.

Commander in Chief MENNET. I am very happy to have received this committee. Commander Willett, will you respond?

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. I want to congratulate you upon the fact that the American Legion has waked up to the necessity of forming an association of women of patriotism to look after their affairs outside of what they do themselves, as well as to aid in the conduct of their initial affairs, and it is a move in the right direction. This is the first time, I venture, it has ever been called to your attention. I am glad to see that they are moving forward as we have during the last 60 years. I know from the appearance of the committee that they are sure to be successful in their efforts. Thank you.

Commander in Chief MENNET. We are very glad to have had you with us. Take back to your organization our regards—our best regards—and tell them we are very happy to have had you here. Officer of the Day, you will conduct this committee to the outpost.

I now take great pleasure in presenting to you the commander in chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

EUGENE I. VAN ANTWERP, Detroit, Mich., commander in chief of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Commander, I would like to present to the comrades of this encampment the greetings of the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. To you men who so valiantly fought during the trying days when our Republic was about to be dismembered, we of the Veterans of Foreign Wars desire to pledge our allegiance, as we have already pledged it on entering the organization, to the Government of the United States, to the preservation and the defense of the Constitution of the United States against all its enemies whomsoever. We are against all "isms." We are against fascism, we are against naziism, we are against communism. We are for only one thing, and that is Americanism. If there is a thing that the soldiers of the Grand Army lack or would like to add to their benefit or to their comfort in any way, the Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States stand as a man ready to contribute whatever the Grand Army of the Republic wants. It is a pleasure to be here and greet you in the name of our organization.

Commander, now I would like to present to you the members of my delegation. This is the department commander of the State of Iowa, Ted R. Long. And this is Comrade Alex Miller, of Des Moines, who has been a national officer in our organization for a great number of years. And this comrade is a trumpeter who served

during the Spanish War and overseas, and he wished to come in and pay his respects along with the delegation, Marlow Stotts.

Commander in Chief MENNET. I will ask the senior vice commander in chief to respond.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief HENRY HELD. Commander in Chief and comrades of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, we of the Grand Army of the Republic love you. We realize what you have done. We know it was a case of necessity to protect our country that it should not be destroyed. We also know that you are yet standing ready to carry on the principles of the Constitution of the United States and obey our laws of the United States and bring peace and harmony. We, the Grand Army, thank you and we affiliate with you to the fullest extent of our ability and lean upon you to follow in our footsteps for the perpetuation of the Grand Army of the Republic. We expect you to carry on where we leave off after the last 65 or 70 years. May God bless you to carry on this good work. Remember that you have the most grateful thankfulness of our hearts for your affiliation and association in helping us to carry on in stamping out communism, socialism, and Hitlerism. I have spoken many times that we want no "isms," but only Americanism, and only one flag.

I thank you in behalf of the comrades of this encampment for your loyalty and your love. God bless you. Carry that message back to your boys of the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Commander, we thank you for this visit. Carry back to your organization our sincere thanks for this representation.

Commander in Chief VAN ANTWERP. I want to say, Commander in Chief, I never saw a more inspiring sight than the spectacle presented in the parade by you boys today. I am sure that my son, who was here with me and witnessed the parade, was inspired, as all of us were, to greater love of country and greater patriotism in defense of the principles of this great republic. Thank you so much.

(The delegation retired.)

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. Commander in Chief, I have the pleasure of introducing to you the National Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Mrs. HAZEL MILLER, of Des Moines. Members of the Grand Army, I am bringing you greetings of the national organization of the Veterans of Foreign Wars' Auxiliary. It was just 2 weeks ago that we welcomed members of your group and its affiliated organizations to our national encampment in Columbus. For you, defenders of our country in time of war and its preservers in time of peace, we have the deepest admiration. It is the wish of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and its auxiliary that we may follow in your footsteps. You have always been our inspiration, and it is our hope that we may carry on your battle for peace and good government. I hope you enjoy your visit in Des Moines, and, if we are not too selfish in saying it, I hope you come back here again very soon. Thank you.

Mrs. RUTH MYERS, of Des Moines. Commander in Chief and comrades, I wish to extend the greetings of the Ladies' Auxiliary to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, of Des Moines, Iowa, Post 738, and I hope that your stay in our city will be a very pleasant one and that you will come and visit us again.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Comrade Rownd, will you respond to this good-looking committee?

Junior Vice Commander in Chief ROBERT M. ROWND. I deem it a very great honor to be called upon to respond to these gracious greetings. And I want to say in the presentation of this bouquet, which represents God's love, it is the most beautiful thing in nature ever created that cannot speak of its own fragrance and tell its own love. I extend heartiest greetings to you.

(Committee retires.)

Secretary FLOOD. Commander in Chief, the flowers in the vase were sent by George B. Clayton, of 1001 Grand Avenue, as a tribute to the Grand Army.

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. I take pleasure in presenting the greetings committee from National Auxiliary to the Sons, and the Sons and Auxiliary, from California.

Commander in Chief MENNET. This is the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, comrades.

MARY STAPLETON, of New York. Commander in Chief, comrades of my grandfather, I am sure it is a most happy pleasure for me to come and bring you greetings from the National Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, also the personal greetings of our National President. We wish for you a most harmonious and profitable convention. We hope that God will spare you for many, many years to come to our national convention and your national convention.

If it were not for you where would our United States be today? We hope that God will give you his choicest blessings and grant that each and every wish you may ask for will be fulfilled.

Commander in Chief, Sister Margaret Brady wanted me to tell you that no finer man representing the Grand Army of the Republic could she have had the pleasure of serving with than to have had that pleasure to serve with you. She said at no time was your commander in chief anything but loving to her. He has been an inspiration to her during the year and has been a real father. She wanted me to extend to you, Commander in Chief, her personal greetings to you and tell you that she loves you like a daughter. She wanted me to present to you this gift from our national organization. May you use it, cherish it, and find many, many happy hours while you carry it.

I want to extend to you my personal greetings for the pleasure of coming and greeting you this afternoon. We have New York over here. I want to tell you, New York, I belong to you, that Sister Brady is a member of my own Auxiliary and of my own home State, and I am naturally proud to be a member of the great Empire State.

Again may I wish for you God's choicest blessings and hope we will have the privilege of coming and greeting you for many, many years to come.

Commander in Chief MENNET. There is quite a delegation of the Sons here as well with the Auxiliary. I only saw the girls first.

Mr. ART LAUGHLIN, department commander, California Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Commander in Chief of our own State of California and all your comrades assembled here with you, we extend to you our appreciation for the privilege of coming in here to greet you, from the State of California. As sons of the

department we are ready at all times to do all that we can to make things convenient for you and assist you in every way possible, and we are proud of our heritage and you can depend upon us for anything that you wish.

Commander in Chief MENNET. I want to thank you for this gift, and tell your organization that I appreciate it. I shall ever remember it as a red letter day for me.

ESTHER WATTS, president, California Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans. Commander in Chief, my department commander, and all of my dear boys, it was a real pleasure when my national president said I could come and say hello to you boys. I call your commander in chief "Daddy" because I like him just a little bit better than that. We seem to get along very good because he wants dog-goned good treatment. He wants to kid and I like to kid, so we get along pretty good. Commander in Chief, in behalf of my department, a little gift. When you use it don't forget your girls.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Thank you. I appreciate that very much.

MAMIE DEEMS, of California and Nevada. Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, our pal, Dr. Overton M. Mennet, we are proud of him and the work that he has been able to give to you this year. Dr. Mennet, may I at this time speak to your adjutant general?

Commander in Chief MENNET. You may.

Mrs. DEEMS. Colonel Martin, the Department of California and Nevada, Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, have given me a great honor and pleasure this afternoon, and that is to express to you in a great big way and with this great whopping big gift part of their love and esteem. While we have been very proud of our commander in chief of the Grand Army we are doubly proud of you. You have served the national organization and you are serving us as your friends. Accept this gift from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Veterans of California and Nevada as expressive of their love.

Adjutant General MARTIN. Young lady, and this great aggregation that are here, I don't know just what I could say in answer to that. You have done everything in the world that you could for the Grand Army of the Republic in California, and for all of the allied organizations, and especially those who have been in office and who have done all in their power to carry on this great institution. And to me individually—I don't know how my own family could have done any more for me than they have done for me. In just as few words as possible I want to thank these girls. I thank them every time I see them, and I thank them when I don't see them, and I am going to thank them after I have gone from this world. I thank you.

LOTTIE TURNER of the California and Nevada Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Well, comrades, I think it is darn warm here, don't you? They gave us a nice warm welcome anyway. Comrade Mennet, it certainly gives me pleasure to present my greetings. You know, you and I this year have sort of sung our life along together. It has been a joy to have been associated with you. I would like to say a word to Comrade Lockwood. May I? Comrade Lockwood is one of the comrades, and he is also one of our Sons. And in behalf of the California Pacific De-

partment we wish to present to him a loving gift, and I am sure that while he is in the State of Iowa it will be of much use to him. So in behalf of our Department, Comrade Lockwood, please accept this gift.

Chief of Staff GEORGE N. LOCKWOOD. I thank you for this gift, knowing it will be of great importance and good to me during my stay here in Des Moines. [Cries of "Louder."] I don't know as I care to have the rest of you hear what I say. You just remember the Sons of the Civil War.

(The visiting delegation and the commander in chief then sang alternately verses of an adaptation of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart," after which the delegation retired.)

Commander in Chief MENNET. We will wait for a moment. There may be another delegation here.

Adjutant General MARTIN. These girls have come across from California to do honor to our commander in chief. They have taken it upon themselves to make this long trip, do this hard work and all this, to show to the Grand Army of the Republic the love and friendship that they have for him. I wanted to say this to you. Thank you.

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. I wish to announce that representatives from Pittsburgh and Grand Rapids with invitations for the next encampment are in waiting to present them.

Commander in Chief MENNET. A representative from Pittsburgh is in waiting to present an invitation to go to that city next year, also one from Grand Rapids, Mich. We might just as well get this out of our system while we are at it. Officer of the Day, you will present them. They can use their pleasure about speaking.

Mr. DAVID OLMSTED, of Pittsburgh, Pa. I came before you at Madison, Wis., last year to extend an invitation to Pittsburgh, and I come before you now to bring an invitation to hold your encampment next year in Pittsburgh. This is addressed to your commander in chief [reading]:

The Pittsburgh Convention and Tourist Bureau, Inc., and the Pittsburgh Hotel men's Association, covering Hotels William Penn, Fort Pitt, Roosevelt, Henry, Pittsburgher, Keystone, Schenley, and Webster Hall, jointly extend to you a most cordial and earnest invitation to hold your seventy-second annual encampment in Pittsburgh in 1939.

We understand that we are to furnish to all members of the Grand Army of the Republic and also to all members of the Auxiliary and allied organizations which may hold their convention under the sanction and in connection with the Grand Army, suitable accommodations in ample quantity to comfortably house all who will attend. We guarantee that all rates for rooms and all food prices will not in any instance exceed the regular rates charged day by day to all guests.

We agree that only the organizations affiliated definitely under your supervision, such as the Woman's Relief Corps, Sons of Union Veterans of Civil War, Daughters of Union Veterans of Civil War, Ladies of the G. A. R., Auxiliary of Sons, and any other groups that you may sponsor are to be housed in the three or four hotels which you may select for headquarters of your regular groups. In other words, the hotels agree to abide by your wishes in the placing of headquarters and accommodations.

We are familiar with your requirements as outlined in your contract at Des Moines and understand fully the requirements of entertainment and accommodations and services for your commander in chief, national officers, and past commanders in chief, counting for approximately 60 persons who are to receive complimentary accommodations and excellent food during the period of the convention.

The entertainment and accommodations and service which we propose to provide will amount to some \$10,000, and we are ready to hereby guarantee this budget.

We have the assurance of the city officials, the businessmen, and the various civic organizations that they will back the hotel men and the Convention Bureau in furnishing for your splendid organizations one of the most elaborate conventions that you have ever held.

We feel that our historic territory, where George Washington received his early training, coming here in 1753 at the age of 21, and spending much of his time prior to the Revolutionary War in and around this section, should make Pittsburgh an ideal location; and the fact that this city furnished the trading center for settling Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky, and much of the Middle West should be of particular interest to your members.

Our location being half-way between Chicago and New York, half-way between Boston and St. Louis, bordering on eastern Ohio and West Virginia, and, without question, the most accessible city in the United States, as over two-thirds of the population of the United States can reach here overnight by train, we feel that you will have a record-breaking attendance.

We earnestly hope that we may be fortunate enough to secure your encampment for next year, and we assure you that all of our agreements will not only be lived up to fully but that you will find hospitality here that we feel is unequalled anywhere.

Most sincerely yours,

DAVID OLMSTEAD, *Executive Vice President.*

May I read just a short telegram from the mayor of Pittsburgh:

PITTSBURGH, PA., *September 7, 1938.*

Dr. OVERTON H. MENNET,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,

Des Moines, Iowa:

On behalf of the city of Pittsburgh we invite you to hold your 1939 meeting here. Your local members are exceedingly desirous of having you with us at that time. Please be assured of our hearty good wishes and earnest cooperation.

CORNELIUS D. SCULLY,
Mayor, City of Pittsburgh.

Another telegram from H. E. Lewis, president of the Pittsburgh Convention and Tourist Bureau:

Pittsburgh Convention and Tourist Bureau is mighty anxious to have your organization and affiliated groups meet with us in 1939. May I extend best wishes to you and members meeting in session in Des Moines. Sincerely hope you have successful convention.

Another telegram from C. J. Heubaugh, president of the Pittsburgh Hotelmen's Association:

Pittsburgh Hotelmen's Association offers you very finest accommodations and agrees to furnish your Pittsburgh members fullest possible cooperation for your 1939 national convention should you come here. We will be proud and happy to entertain your splendid organization in Pittsburgh at that time.

Right here I might say that we have more hotel rooms than in any other city in the United States except New York, Chicago, and Detroit. I can assure you that we can take care of all your organizations without any trouble, even in outside rooms, because we have 6,000 hotel rooms, and the accommodations will be of the very best.

As to location, I might point out that we have figured out here on the map that of the 415 voting delegates you have in the roll this year, 146 of them, or over a third, live east of Pittsburgh, over 60 percent east of the Mississippi River. Now why not give those people an opportunity to attend without making it too much of a burden? You were in Madison last year, and in Des Moines this year where you are having this grand encampment. But we want

you to come to us and give those eastern comrades an opportunity to come in.

May I point out our location with respect to the mountains, where you get those beautiful mountain breezes every night. You will have a grand and comfortable sleep.

As to transportation, we will have at the doors of your hotels automobiles, and we will have people to take you any place you want to go any time, day or night. We have the largest hotel in the world outside of Chicago and New York. We will have all of your meetings in the hotel. You won't have to run around town for your meetings, campfire, receptions, or anything else. We will have them all right close together.

We have the largest boat on the river, carrying 3,000, with five spacious decks, on which you can enjoy a trip down the beautiful Ohio. This is a great big wonderful steamship.

We will have a ball game for you. You know the Pittsburgh "Pirates" are at the head of the National League, and we want to take you out and put you in fine box seats and show you what a thrill you can get out of a great baseball game. You will be our complimentary guests.

The H. J. Heinz Pickle Plant, which is the largest food-products plant of its kind in the world, want to give you a complimentary luncheon.

Then, as you know, we have the greatest memorial auditorium to veterans of the Civil War. We have the Civic Center, which is an art and cultural center, with its most marvelous buildings, where you will be taken and permitted to see what you want.

As I said, we are half way between Chicago and New York. You can come from Chicago, in a party of 25, for a rate of \$7.05. I went over to the Pennsylvania Railroad and got these figures. That means a round trip from Chicago to Pittsburgh and return of \$14.10. The rate from Pittsburgh to New York is \$6.58. Some of your families may want to go to the world's fair. There will be a fare and a half rate into New York. You can stop off in Pittsburgh, attend the encampment, and go to the World's Fair afterwards. Then you can buy a ticket straight through back to your city. The rate from Detroit to Pittsburgh is only \$4.48, or \$8.85 round trip.

Your organization has the reputation of being a most orderly and a most honorable body. In every way you have a most marvelous reputation.

Look over the records since 1894. You were there 44 years ago. It will be 45 years next year. In all fairness give those who live in West Virginia, eastern Ohio, New York, and New England a chance. Over one-third of them are in that territory. They will entertain you in royal, regal fashion down there after waiting 45 years. They urge you to come and are ready to give you the grandest of all entertainment and convention. We have all of the money and everything possible, and we will look after you like royalty, as Des Moines is certainly doing here.

Come to Pittsburgh in all fairness after 45 long years. Thank you very much.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Commander Ruhe has a few remarks to make.

Past Commander in Chief C. H. Wm. RUHE. Commander in Chief and comrades of the Seventy-second encampment, you have heard the representative of the convention bureau of the city of Pittsburgh just extend an invitation to come to that city next year. He has outlined to you the facilities that there are at your disposal should you decide to go to that city.

I want to add a few things to it, for I was born in that city. I was raised there. I ran away from home there and went into the Civil War. I went back, and I have been there ever since. And for the last 8 years I have been in charge of Soldiers and Sailors' Memorial Hall, an investment of Allegheny County in a memorial in honor of the veterans of the Civil War for which the generous citizens of Allegheny County voted almost unanimously an outlay of nearly \$4,000,000. It is the finest memorial to veterans of any war existent in the whole world. Now that is only part of what I am going to tell you. I am going to tell you something that will probably bring back to your memory some of your own experiences. During the time of the war every soldier who went into the eastern army passed through the city of Pittsburgh because the railroads along the Mason and Dixon line were not safe for the transportation of troops. And when troops from the eastern armies were sent back to reinforce the western and southwestern armies they again passed through Pittsburgh. And if any of you comrades were from the western section and went east and afterwards were detailed to go west you passed through there and you went through an experience of hospitality—hospitality that was vouchsafed to you by the good women of Allegheny County. And that is one of the words that is always used when you try to induce the comrades of the Grand Army to go somewhere, to some city which is always hospitable to them.

And now I will give you the history of that hospitality which the veterans of the Civil War enjoyed from '61 to '65. When the troops began to be assembled and pass through that city there was established a women's subsistence committee. They personally volunteered contributions for a specific purpose. They hired a military band subject to call at any time when troops were to pass from one station to another, or who had several hours or probably a day to spend in Pittsburgh before they were again entrained to go forward. There were two buildings in the diamond square at that time. One of them held a large hall a full square in length and a half a square in width. In it the convention facilities, campfires and so forth were held in 1894.

That large hall was equipped with anterooms with ample kitchens, and the whole hall filled with tables and chairs, and every soldier who passed through Pittsburgh was escorted with a military band to that hall, and he was entertained with one or two meals, such as was necessary at that time. Not one passed through but he enjoyed the hospitality of the good women of Pittsburgh.

And what do you imagine that those good women did do in that 4 years of time? The record shows nearly 700,000 soldiers were marched to that hall and back again, entertained and fed. What do you think of the hospitality of that time? And that hospitality was all procured by voluntary contributions by those women. And when

at the close of the war their service was over, they settled up their affairs and they presented to one of the largest hospitals in the city of Pittsburgh the residue of what they had collected, and what do you imagine it was? \$196,000 for the benefit of veterans of the Civil War who would need hospital care, and that was to be furnished without charge to the veteran. That is the record of hospitality in the city of Pittsburgh during the time of the war.

The descendants of those women are there today. They invite this encampment to hold their next session in the city of Pittsburgh—western Pennsylvania. I thank you, comrades.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Now, if the delegation is here from Grand Rapids we will hear from the Grand Rapids people in regard to their invitation.

RODNEY D. SCHOPPS, manager of the Grand Rapids Convention Bureau. Commander in Chief, officers, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, your seventy-second national encampment has been one of the most outstanding events in the year. From the time in Madison last year when you selected Des Moines as your convention city the committees have been hard at work, and I wish to congratulate them on the fine program they have arranged for you during this convention here in Des Moines.

It has been our pleasure to have entertained you on three different occasions in the past, and we feel proud that we have been honored with these three visits of your organization. We feel that you would not have visited us three different times unless you had been properly entertained and the hospitality of the city extended to you to the fullest extent. Our citizens have shown that they are deeply appreciative of the honor bestowed upon them by your coming to Grand Rapids. They have opened their homes, their hearts, and their pocketbooks in an endeavor to show you their true feelings for each and every one of you.

The city of Grand Rapids is on the dividing line of population east and west of the United States. I have taken the figures from your roll call as of December 31, 1937. It shows that of your 2,258 members almost one-half, or 977, live west of Chicago. The Southern States comprises 162 members. Your Central States, made up of Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, and Indiana, comprise 432, with a balance of less than one-third in the eastern part of the United States. This shows very conclusively that more than two-thirds of your membership live west and south of Grand Rapids and Chicago.

Grand Rapids is easily accessible for your entire membership at minimum cost. Railroads running west of Chicago have a continuous round trip fare of a fare and a half. If you want to go on to the world's fair from Grand Rapids, you can still take advantage of these special rates which are in existence from all points to the world's fair.

Grand Rapids is the nearest point east of Chicago that has had experience in handling your encampment, where the weather is delightful, and with no mountain driving for those traveling by automobile which would be experienced further east.

When you arrive in Grand Rapids the town will welcome you. There will be no increase in hotel rates or the price of meals when

you patronize our restaurants. Transportation will be provided for you and entertainment for yourselves and your allied organizations. Meeting rooms for your sessions are of great importance. These are easily and comfortably provided in the large hotels and in our air-cooled civic auditorium where at this time of the year air-conditioning is of prime importance.

The city of Grand Rapids loves veterans. This year alone we have entertained the Michigan division of Spanish War Veterans, the Michigan branch of the Grand Army of the Republic and the allied organizations, the National Society of the Army of the Philippines, the Disabled American World War Veterans, the Thirty-second Division Reunion. So we feel that we know how, better than any other city in the United States, to entertain you in your seventy-third encampment.

The necessary funds will be provided to carry this out and make your 1939 encampment one of the most outstanding in your history. I will present to your adjutant the official invitations which I bear as representative from the mayor and the officials of Grand Rapids, showing that they have asked me to present these to you, with the sincere appeal that our invitation be taken to heart and that we want you for your 1939 encampment. Thank you.

Commander in Chief MENNET. We appreciate these cities having invited us. You have listened quietly to them and you have weighed their words. Any comrade here who wishes to say a few words in regard to Pittsburgh?

Comrade ALBERT E. GAGE, of Illinois. I don't believe there is any one of you that has your heart set on any future encampment any more than your humble servant, for this reason: If the encampment goes to Pittsburgh, you are going to honor a comrade who had done much for the Grand Army. I say that without any doubt whatever. However, his wishes were not complied with; yet it turned out that this convention has been one of the grandest, even if it is the fourth in Des Moines. I want to thank the management for bringing us here. I want to thank the present commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied orders for the glorious success they have made of this encampment. I also want to say to you that if it had not been for one particular commander at Madison, Wis., who took it in hand to see that the encampment was a success, that there would have been a lot of disturbance otherwise, but with his master hand he turned out at Madison an encampment equal to this.

I simply want to say this, that if you put it to a vote, I think it is possible to vote singly for Pittsburgh first and Grand Rapids next, or Grand Rapids first and Pittsburgh next, I think that will decide the matter right here and now. In other words, let's vote from the floor and vote our particular wishes.

Commander in Chief MENNET. We have other people asking for it.

Comrade JOHN SPEER of Pennsylvania. Comrades, I was born and raised in Pittsburgh. I will guarantee that if you come to Pittsburgh you will get the greatest reception you ever got in your life. We will just take care of you. We have got two regiments of National Guards there, and they will take care of you. I will guarantee that we will have a good time there.

Commander in Chief MENNET. We will hurry along because we want to get some of our business transacted. So I think we will finish the reading of the invitations we have here and we will defer the vote on this matter until a stated time tomorrow. Will we set any special time?

Adjutant General MARTIN. Why not do it now?

Commander in Chief MENNET. I will read what we have, the other invitations.

Comrade JOHN SHEARER of Texas. Let's vote today. Why procrastinate?

Commander in Chief MENNET. This is from Chicago.

The Chicago Association of Commerce, representing the city of Chicago, cordially invites the Grand Army of the Republic, national encampment, to meet here in 1939.

We are proud to extend this invitation; knowing that Chicago meets and serves the needs of all conventions. Here are a few basic facts for your deliberation, namely: Chicago is strategically located, being easily accessible from all points and permitting of shorter travel time with minimum expense; Chicago has hotels, with unexcelled facilities, that can house conventions with exhibits all under one roof; Chicago is the center of commerce, industry, and distribution, and whatever your business you will find it demonstrated here on an important scale; and, finally, Chicago offers entertainment and recreation to satisfy the most discriminate.

When you have chosen Chicago, the great central convention city, for your meeting place you may rest assured that the Chicago Association of Commerce, and especially its convention bureau, will cooperate in every possible way to insure a signal convention.

Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM J. HENNESSY,
Manager, Bureau of Conventions.

And here is also a letter of invitation from the Morrison Hotel, Chicago. Also the following invitation from Gary, Ind.:

The city of Gary, its officials and citizens, join in urging your group to hold your convention in the city of Gary in the year 1939. You will find Hoosier hospitality at its best here and you will find hotel and entertainment facilities attractive to your delegates.

Gary has entertained more than 125 National, State, and interstate conventions in the past 9 years, and, in practically all of these sessions, new records in attendance have been established, for delegates have heard about this, "the youngest city of 100,000 population in the world," the home of the world's largest steel mills, sand dunes, and famous Gary schools.

We cordially invite you to consider Gary as your convention city in 1939.

Very truly yours,

L. B. CLAYTON, *Mayor.*

Here is an invitation to hold the next encampment in Rochester, N. Y.:

In consideration of the city which shall have the honor and pleasure of being your host at the 1939 convention of the Grand Army of the Republic, it is our sincere hope that Rochester may have that privilege.

Undoubtedly many of your members already know that our city is a delightful place for the transient to spend a few days, where the friendly spirit for the visitor is ever apparent and where the hotel facilities for crowds large or small are equal to those to be found anywhere in the country. Amusements, of course, exist to suit the taste and pocketbook of everyone.

We have the will and the facilities to make your stay an outstanding event in their memory.

May I hope to greet you in 1939?

Very sincerely yours,

LESTER B. RAPP,
Mayor of Rochester.

Comrade IRA R. WILDMAN, of Connecticut. Commander in Chief, may I inquire are there not certain rules laid down by this national encampment that commonwealths and municipalities must go through with before we can consider an invitation for our next encampment? I believe there is, and I believe in the past we have had trouble in not having those requirements come before us before we considered them.

Commander in Chief MENNET. I don't know about that. That will be taken care of likely. How shall we proceed to vote?

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Commander in Chief, I move that the selection of the place of the next encampment be postponed until the first matter of business tomorrow morning. Now half of us have not heard of some of these applications until now, and we have had no opportunity to discuss them among our associates. I think that we should defer this matter until the first matter of business tomorrow morning. We want an opportunity to discuss it with one another. Here there are half a dozen of these and three or four of them I had not heard of before, and I know others did not hear of them.

Comrade JOHN SHEARER, of Texas. Let's vote today. Why procrastinate?

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. I ask for a vote on this subject if there is a second.

(Motion seconded by Comrade Thomas Ambrose, of Illinois.)

Commander in Chief MENNET. The comrades will be in order. It is moved that we defer the selection of the place of our next encampment till the first order of business tomorrow morning. Are there any remarks? All those in favor of this motion will signify it by saying "aye." Contrary "no."

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. I ask that they stand and be counted.

Commander in Chief MENNET. We will have to have a standing vote in order to settle this. All in favor of this being deferred to the first order of business tomorrow morning will signify the same by standing and remain standing until you are seated by the chair. All in favor of deferring this matter rise to your feet [43]. All in favor of the encampment voting on this now will rise to their feet and remain standing until counted [49]. They have decided that they wish to vote upon this question now.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. In view of the fact that the comrades have decided to vote upon this question now, and in the interests of all that I have said in reference to what the good citizens of Pittsburgh have always felt toward the soldiers of the Civil War, how they have honored them with the finest memorial in the world, how they took care of them at the time of the war, and how they tendered such an immense sum for the care of those who contracted disease and one thing and another after the war, in view of these facts, which certainly appeal to every veteran in this hall and have always appealed to every veteran in the Grand Army of the Republic, I will now offer a motion that the national encampment of 1939 be held in the city of Pittsburgh.

Comrade IRA R. WILDMAN of Connecticut. If there is no objection, I would move that the adjutant general cast the vote of this encampment in accordance with the motion of Comrade Ruhe.

Commander in Chief MENNET. The comrade will be seated. The adjutant general will call the roll. I declare the motion of Comrade Ruhe out of order. You will proceed to vote for the city you want to attend, and when the roll is called each delegation will vote the number of delegates who want to go to Pittsburgh or want to go to Grand Rapids or elsewhere. You will canvass your delegates and be ready to vote when the roll is called.

The roll of departments was then called by Adjutant General Martin, with the following result:

Department	Pitts- burgh	Grand Rapids	Department	Pitts- burgh	Grand Rapids
California and Nevada	13	-----	New Hampshire	2	-----
Colorado and Wyoming	5	-----	New Jersey	1	-----
Connecticut	6	-----	New York	5	-----
Florida	1	-----	North Dakota	2	-----
Idaho	-----	2	Ohio	8	1
Illinois	9	-----	Oregon	1	-----
Indiana	7	-----	Pennsylvania	3	-----
Iowa	-----	8	South Dakota	-----	1
Kansas	6	-----	Texas	1	-----
Kentucky	2	-----	Utah	1	-----
Maine	6	-----	Virginia and North Carolina	-----	1
Massachusetts	5	-----	Washington and Alaska	1	-----
Michigan	-----	3	West Virginia	1	-----
Minnesota	6	-----	Wisconsin	5	-----
Missouri	3	-----			

Commander in Chief MENNET. The vote is 100 for Pittsburgh and 16 for Grand Rapids. I now declare Pittsburgh to be the next city to entertain the encampment for the year 1939. [Applause.]

I will now announce the appointment of the following committees:

Committee on rules and regulations and ritual.—C. H. William Ruhe, Pennsylvania; James W. Willett, Iowa; Russell C. Martin, California and Nevada; John E. Andrew, Illinois; Edwin H. Lincoln, Massachusetts.

Committee to prepare resolutions on the death of Past Commander in Chief Oley Nelson.—James W. Willett, Iowa; James E. Jewel, Colorado and Wyoming; C. F. Moulton, Wisconsin.

Greetings committees.—To Woman's Relief Corps: James E. Jewel, Colorado and Wyoming; James W. Willett, Iowa; Edwin J. Foster, Massachusetts; Russell C. Martin, California and Nevada; Alfred E. Stacey, New York; C. H. William Ruhe, Pennsylvania; Thomas J. Noll, Iowa. To Ladies of the G. A. R.: C. H. William Ruhe, Pennsylvania; William H. McCoy, New Jersey; J. S. Dumser, California and Nevada. To Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Russell C. Martin, California and Nevada; Rustan O. Reed, Washington and Alaska; Edwin H. Lincoln, Massachusetts. To Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Martin V. Stone, New York; George N. Lockwood, California and Nevada; A. O. Gere, Kansas. To Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War: Thomas H. Stritch, New York; Frederick Pfiester, Ohio; John Stone, Indiana.

Chairman, committee on resolutions.—James W. Willett, Iowa.

The chairmen will take notice of their various committees and have them assemble and prepare for reports tomorrow at 11 o'clock.

We will now have the announcement of the committee on resolutions.

The following nominations for committee on resolutions, as made by the several departments, were read by the shorthand reporter :

Department	Name	Address
California and Nevada	George N. Lockwood	Los Angeles.
Colorado and Wyoming	R. H. Hoffman	Denver.
Connecticut	Lewis L. Baker	New London.
Florida	C. J. Rose	Miami.
Idaho	Albert G. Jones	Boise.
Illinois	John E. Andrew	Quincy.
Indiana	John H. Stone	Kokomo.
Iowa	James W. Willett	Tama.
Kansas	A. O. Gere	Topeka.
Kentucky	M. H. Davidson	Louisville.
Maine	Joseph W. Lake	Kennebunkport.
Massachusetts	Dudley L. Page	Lowell.
Michigan	A. F. Chappell	Detroit.
Minnesota	O. S. Pierce	Minneapolis.
Missouri	Dr. R. B. Tyler	Joplin.
Nebraska	R. E. Coleman	Lincoln.
New Hampshire	Lyman E. Butterfield	Manchester.
New Jersey	Wm. H. Bilbee	Trenton.
New York	Thomas H. Stritch	Brooklyn.
North Dakota	J. W. Carroll	Lisbon.
Ohio	Theodore Wells	Cadiz.
Oregon	T. A. Penland	Portland.
Pennsylvania	C. H. Wm. Ruhe	Pittsburgh.
Rhode Island	Charles H. Bullock	East Providence.
South Dakota	Levi VanVoorhis	Huron.
Texas	John Shearer	Houston.
Utah	Ira Stormes	Salt Lake City.
Virginia and North Carolina	Charles Grandy	Norfolk.
Washington and Alaska	Rustan O. Reed	Seattle.
West Virginia	L. D. Ullom	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	Henry Held	West Allis.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Commander and comrades, this committee on resolutions should have a meeting tomorrow morning before the encampment. The encampment convenes at 9:30. I suggest that we meet in committee at headquarters on the mezzanine at 8 o'clock tomorrow morning. As chairman of the committee I will appoint such meeting, and if any of you have any resolutions ready this evening, as chairman I would like to have them. But have your resolutions ready so that we can get through in the course of an hour and come in here at the regular meeting.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Comrades, you have heard the chairman of the committee on resolutions. As our hour for recess has approached we will defer other business until tomorrow morning. I am ready to receive a motion that we recess until tomorrow morning at 9:30.

Adjutant General MARTIN. I make that motion. (Motion seconded.)

Commander in Chief MENNET. It is moved, and supported by several of our comrades, that we recess this seventy-second national encampment and convene tomorrow morning promptly at 9:30 for the transaction and finishing up of the business. We will now stand adjourned (4:55 p. m.).

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1938, MORNING SESSION, 9:40 A. M.

Commander in Chief MENNET (after the encampment was opened in due form). We will have the invocation by our chaplain in chief.

Chaplain in Chief MARTIN V. STONE. Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for the dawning of the new day, for the beauty and the refreshing and the inspiring hour that is upon us touching every life with the new dawn. And while we have these renewed favors, reminding of the ceaseless care and unfathomed love that we have from Thee, through Thy mercy given us with full measure we are humble in the thought that we can again find ourselves so dependent upon Thee.

Wilt Thou lead us on this day in the way that we should take? Wilt Thou bless with us those who are with us in this city to carry on the work committed to their care? Bless those who so royally welcomed us and are so carefully engaging themselves in entertaining and providing for our every need.

Guide all the counsels of the hour and guide in the deeper judgments of the decisions which we must make if we take our part in doing that which is assigned us here. Remember the loved ones at home. Remember our country and its great needs, and guide, we pray Thee, its chief counsellors. Help those who are attempting to administer the affairs of our land to recognize that there is One enshrined above others in authority. Induce wisdom and induce devotion to the best interests of the beings we have been created, and may they, thus guided, be acceptable and profitable leaders to each one. We ask all in the name of Him who came to redeem us from evil and present us before Thee in the faultless glory of His redeeming power. Amen.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Officer of the Day, have we a committee waiting?

Officer of the Day GEORGE N. LOCKWOOD. There is a committee waiting, Commander. The California Daughters drill team.

Commander in Chief MENNET. You will conduct them to the platform. I will not ask the comrades to rise when these committees enter, but let's give them a glad hand when they enter and when they leave us. It will be too much exertion for you to rise. Any of you that wish to remove your coats, you are permitted to do so and make yourselves as comfortable as is possible for you to do under the present condition of the weather here in Iowa. We are very happy indeed to have such good weather while we are here.

This gavel was presented here yesterday to O. H. MENNET, commander in chief, Grand Army of the Republic, 1938, by Jonathan Hollingsworth, past department commander from Missouri, Grand Army of the Republic, aged 93. It is carved by hand, and the handle is made from wood secured from the Gettysburg battlefield during the reunion of 1938.

The drill team of the California and Nevada Department of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War was then presented to the encampment.

Mrs. CLARA MOSHER. Commander in Chief, as the department president of California and Nevada it gives me a great deal of pleasure to present to you your own drum corps and drill team of

the Department of California and Nevada. We bring you our personal greetings—each girl out there.

I want to say many pleasant things, and want you to know that not only now but in the future you have the support of these girls. I say in all sincerity that we give you the deepest friendship and all that it means. To me it means more than love. It goes deeper and is more lasting. And so we girls of the drum corps and drill team bring you our best greetings for this convention to all of our comrades.

And now from the Department of California and Nevada we bring you a tenderer expression of the gift of our best wishes from the Department of California and Nevada. And to Colonel Martin our best love—not our best love, because we are all loving the commander a little. Not a little—we don't like the word "little," but a tender expression of our good wishes. And to Katharine, whom we have adopted, and who is a member of our drill team—an honorary member, the California Department wishes to do a little.

Miss FLOOD. Thank you, Clara. Thank you, girls.

Commander in Chief MENNET. I have not introduced the lady to you. This is Clara Mosher, the president of the Department of California and Nevada Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War. [Applause.] And she comes with this drill team to honor myself and the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic on this occasion. We certainly are very pleased to have seen you, Mrs. Department President. Now you may finish.

Mrs. MOSHER. I have finished. I will just say Godspeed and that we, the Daughters of Union Veterans, are back of the comrades in everything that they wish to do. Now, may we retire?

The drill team then sang a verse beginning:

Commander Mennet, here we are,
Come to meet the G. A. R.,
The drill team and drum corps,
And all the rest——

Adjutant General MARTIN. Good stuff! Department President, this drum corps and those that are with them: This is a wonderful pleasure this morning. I know that our comrades here appreciated it a great deal more than they would if they had been looking for you, because when they drop in on you like you have this morning it is a great surprise. The California Grand Army of the Republic are proud of you. They are proud that you have ambition enough to have a drill team and a drum corps. And, Department President, you have a further ambition to come to Iowa to this encampment and show yourselves and show what California can do and what this drill team can do. They are doing a wonderful work in our department, and they are stirring up these people. They make a showing when they get out with the drill team, and everybody turns around and looks at them, and they have some effect. And this morning we are delighted to think that you have had this same ambition to come into this encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and let the boys look at you. In California we love you. The commander in chief loves you, and the Grand Army loves you, and, on top of that, I love you, too. Thank you. [Applause.]

Mrs. MOSHER. I want to introduce to you Mrs. Plymire, past president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Mrs. MABEL PLYMIRE. I am only going to take a minute. Commander in Chief Mennett and Past Commander in Chief Martin do not live in my part of the State. I live in San Francisco, Calif. But we love them just the same as the girls of the south do, and all we wish for you, Commander in Chief Mennett and Past Commander in Chief Martin, is good health, long life, and come up and see us in San Francisco.

Commander in Chief MENNET. I neglected to thank you for this splendid gift that you presented, and I do so now. We will hear from you further, if you have anything to say.

Mrs. MOSHER. The Commander in Chief wants the Daughters' song. ("Let Me Call You Sweetheart" sung by the drill team, with response by the commander in chief.) In retiring, may I say that I am fortunate to belong to the same tent with our commander in chief and our Colonel Martin. For this I am very, very happy.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Thank you, Madame President, for your visit. We all feel better. We are glad to welcome you. Comrade Lockwood, you will escort this delegation to the outpost.

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. Commander in Chief, I have the honor to present a greetings committee from the Daughters of Veterans. (Miss Clara F. Hoover, of Illinois, and Mrs. Julia Phillips, of Illinois, past national presidents, and Mary Taft, department president of Iowa.)

Commander in Chief MENNET. I will introduce to you Miss Clara Hoover, of Chicago, Ill., past president of the Daughters of Union Veterans, past national president, and now secretary of the Illinois Grand Army of the Republic.

Miss HOOVER. Commander in Chief Mennet, your Daughters have come to greet you. The Daughters of Union Veterans annually invade the sanctity of a Grand Army encampment to bring the loving greetings of the 40,000 Daughters in the United States. Every daughter naturally has a love for her father, but when that love has the added advantage of pride in a father's achievements, pride in his character, it means so much to the citizenship of the country. For when a girl can say, "My father was a Grand Army man," or "My grandfather was a Grand Army man," naturally we stand a little bit more erect. We can face with a little bit more courage anything that may come to us, just because our fathers could face difficulties and go ahead.

We are very glad to be with you, but we know that you are busy. We have definite recollections of when we were children we would rush up to father, and if he was busy he would pat us on the head and say, "Run along now, girl. Dad is busy." So because dad is busy this morning we are going to give you our greeting and we are going to run away until sometime when you are not quite so busy.

Commander Mennet, Mrs. Manning, the president of the Daughters of Veterans, asked me to deliver this to you as a personal gift from her, and this is the rest of your loving cup. So goodbye, good luck. Come again soon.

Commander in Chief MENNET. I want you to take back to Mrs. Manning my best regards. Tell her I have no words with which to express my feelings further than to say that I thank her from the very depths of my heart. Any of the rest of the delegation wish to say anything?

Miss Hoover. This is Mrs. Phillips, past national president, and Mrs. Taft, department president of Iowa.

Mrs. JULIA PHILLIPS. We just bring you our greetings. We are happy to be here today. We want you to have a nice time, and we are going to leave you so you will have plenty of time.

Mrs. MARY TAFT. I bring greetings from the Department of Iowa. We are very happy to have you here in Des Moines, and we are most happy to be here.

Commander in Chief MENNET. The people of Iowa and the city of Des Moines have been most gracious, and we have nothing but the highest appreciation for everything they have done for us. We thank you. To respond to these splendid Daughters—and I see another Daughter here also with you, Mrs. Clara Mosher—I will call upon the chaplain in chief.

Chaplain in Chief MARTIN V. STONE. Dear Daughters, I can think of no honor quite equal to the privilege accorded me just now by the commander in chief. In an attempt to respond to the fine words you have spoken, and the beautiful presents, we are reminded not only how full of love you are but of the purposes that are leading you on. We must confess that we are finding our expectations largely increased and new pleasure in your devotion. We are satisfied that you will not only hold us in remembrance, but you are doing a lot to discover new ways in which to express the devotion which has marked your service thus far. Thank you. Come again.

Commander in Chief MENNET. I will declare a recess now of about 10 minutes. The United States Marine Band is to play for us in front of the hotel. I must go down and pay my respects to them because of this honor. So I will now declare a recess of 10 minutes and you can be at ease.

(Recess: 10:05–10:20 a. m.)

Commander in Chief MENNET. Any delegations at the outpost?

The OFFICER OF THE DAY. No.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Our next order of business is the reports of officers and committees, and the report of the committee on the commander in chief's address comes first. Senior vice commander in chief, you will receive the report.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Henry Held assumed the chair, and the following report was read to the encampment by the shorthand reported at the request of Post Commander in Chief Ruhe:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON ADDRESS OF THE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

Your committee has carefully examined the annual report of Comrade Commander in Chief Overton H. Mennet. We have nothing but praise for the splendid work during the year. In reading his annual report we are surprised that one of our comrades could accomplish so much in 1 year. Commander in Chief has reflected credit to the Grand Army of the Republic in the dignified manner he has conducted the office during the past year. At Gettysburg he was received and treated with the highest honor, and his talk and his actions at the dedication of the Peace Memorial were well received by the many thousands in attendance. His pleasant manner, together with his singing, has gladdened the hearts of many wherever he visited.

We do not want to overlook the splendid assistance rendered him by his able adjutant general, Col. Russell C. Martin, and his efficient secretary, Katharine Flood. For many years past the commanders in chief have had the good fortune to secure the services of Miss Katharine Flood as their secretary, who for many years has acted in that capacity in an efficient and able manner, being

perfectly familiar with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic.

C. H. WILLIAM RUHE.
JOHN E. ANDREW.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief HELD. Comrades, what will you do with the report of the committee?

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH of New York. I arise from the delegation of New York to move the acceptance of the report. (Motion seconded.)

Senior Vice Commander in Chief HELD. Comrades, you have heard the motion that we accept the report of the committee on the commander's address. Are there any remarks? Are you ready for the question? All in favor of it say "aye." Contrary? The ayes have it.

Commander in Chief MENNET resumed the chair.

Secretary FLOOD. There are several communications, and the adjutant general asks that Mr. Elliott read them for him.

Commander in Chief MENNET. We will have the communications read.

(Whereupon the shorthand reporter read to the encampment the following communications:)

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., September 4, 1938.

Dr. OVERTON H. MENNET,
Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,
Des Moines, Iowa:

A few short weeks ago at Gettysburg, as national commander of the American Legion, I had the privilege of participating in the ceremonies arranged for the seventy-fifth anniversary of that great battle. At that time there was recalled to the people of this great Nation the immortal character of the services performed by the members of your organization in the preservation of the Union. I regret sincerely that I am unable to be with you personally as you gather once again.

We of the American Legion have been inspired by the example of your love of country and devotion to the Nation's welfare in times of peace. We recognize fully the part your members have played in bringing our country to its present place of leadership in world affairs.

No pages of American history tell a finer story of deeds of valor, of heroic deeds of peace, than those in which are written the records of those whose lives are reflected in the history of the Grand Army of the Republic. From our hearts almost one million members of the American Legion greet you.

DANIEL J. DOHERTY,
National Commander, The American Legion.

FORT MORGAN, COLO., September 5, 1938.

Col. RUSSELL C. MARTIN,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Kept grips packed until Sunday night. Unpack today. This attack was serious but is not final. If you return through Denver please stop here. Extend our greetings to all orders.

MARY S. JEWEL.

ROCHESTER, N. Y., September 6, 1938.

OVERTON H. MENNET,
Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Wish to thank you for the appointment of officer of the day for the national encampment. I am unable to be about on account of broken ankle. Wishing you and all the comrades my best wishes. May God bless you all.

JOSEPH BAUER,
Past Department Commander of New York.

PHILIPSBURG, PA., *September 6, 1938.*

Affectionate greetings to my beloved G. A. R. and allied organizations.

LETECIA WHITNEY GOOD,
National President, Dames of the Loyal Legion.

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., *September 7, 1938.*

Commander in Chief OVERTON H. MENNET,
Grand Army Headquarters, Des Moines, Iowa.

We wish for you a wonderful encampment and good health.

HELEN JEAN CHRISTIE TENT,
Daughters of Union Veterans.

FRESNO, CALIF., *September 7, 1938.*

Dr. OVERTON H. MENNET,
*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,
Des, Moines, Iowa.*

Greetings and best wishes to you all and all the Boys in Blue.
Loyally,

J. WILBUT COURSEY,
Past Department Commander, California.
MARIE COURSEY,
Past Department President, California.

SIoux CITY, IOWA, *September 5, 1938.*

Commander in Chief MENNET,
*Headquarters, G. A. R. Encampment,
Des, Moines, Iowa.*

Greetings to you and all comrades assembled. Department of Iowa Auxiliary of United Spanish War Veterans extends heartiest greetings and wishes you a most enjoyable and successful encampment. May God's blessing enrich you all.

Yours in Fraternity, Patriotism, and Humanity,

IRENE K. DROWN,
Department President of Iowa.

GETTYSBURG, PA., *September 7, 1938.*

JAMES R. McCONAGHIE,
Des Moines, Iowa.

Please convey to Dr. Mennet and all other members of the Grand Army my sincerest thanks for their fine cooperation in our reunion here, and my most sincere wishes for a splendid encampment. May God keep them with us for many more years.

PAUL L. ROY,
Executive Secretary, Pennsylvania State Commission.

WASHINGTON, D. C., *September 6, 1938.*

Commander in Chief OVERTON H. MENNET,
Grand Army of the Republic, Des Moines, Iowa:

The National Tribune, which has been associated with the veterans of the Civil War for more than 60 years, sends greetings to the Seventy-second National Encampment. We mourn with you the passing of so many Union Veterans of the Civil War in the past year and pray that those of you who are still with us will remain for many years to come. Will you please be kind enough to extend our greetings and felicitations to the various auxiliaries of the Grand Army.

Yours in comradeship,

W. L. MATTOCKS,
Editor, the National Tribune.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE,
Washington, August 31, 1938.

Mr. JOHN M. KLINE,
*Commander of the Department of the Potomac,
Grand Army of the Republic, Washington, D. C.*

DEAR MR. KLINE: In accordance with our telephone conversation of August 29, I am sending you an account of the present condition of the United States flag that draped the box at Ford's Theater on the night of the assassination of President Lincoln.

Pursuant to the request of Dr. Overton H. Mennet, commander in chief, Grand Army of the Republic, the Treasury Department on May 19, 1938, tendered the flag to the National Park Service for display in the Lincoln Museum. After removing the flag and case to the Lincoln Museum, the flag was carefully examined and found to be in very bad condition. The wooden case that held the flag was not of dust-tight construction and in the years that had passed dust had accumulated inside the case and worked its way into the silk fabric of the flag. In addition, the flag had started to disintegrate and had many holes in it.

Pending the reconditioning of the flag and the building of a case in which to properly display it, the flag is being kept in the vault at the Lincoln Museum.

I wish to express our great appreciation of the fine and patriotic interest of the Grand Army of the Republic in assisting in the proper housing and preservation of this historic flag.

Sincerely yours,

RONALD F. LEE,
Supervisor of Historic Sites.

INDIANAPOLIS CONVENTION AND PUBLICITY BUREAU,
Indianapolis, September 6, 1938.

CHAIRMAN ON RESOLUTIONS,
*Grand Army of the Republic in Convention Assembled,
Des Moines, Iowa.*

DEAR SIR: Our records indicate that the city of Indianapolis entertained the first encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and although it has been our pleasure to entertain the encampment at different times since that first meeting, we are now happy to take the opportunity of joining with the Governor of Indiana, the mayor of Indianapolis, and the Indianapolis and Indiana members of your organization in inviting your most honorable group of Civil War veterans to hold its last encampment in Indianapolis, the date of which may we hope and pray will not be determined for many years yet to come, but when that date does come, we are asking in advance for the privilege of entertaining the last encampment in the city of Indianapolis.

We sincerely hope that this invitation may be placed on file and, at the proper time, be given the most serious consideration.

Yours very truly,

HENRY T. DAVIS, *Secretary-Manager.*

NATIONAL CHICKAMAUGA CELEBRATION COMMEMORATING THE BATTLES
OF CHICKAMAUGA, MISSIONARY RIDGE, AND LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN,
Chattanooga, Tenn., August 25, 1938.

The Honorable OVERTON MENNET,
*Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic,
Los Angeles, Calif.*

DEAR MR. MENNET: Just 75 years ago the brave men of both the Blue and the Gray engaged in a series of terrific struggles here in the shadow of Lookout Mountain.

As a tribute to the heroes of the North and the South, and in commemoration of their deeds, the people of Tennessee, Georgia, and Alabama are holding the National Chickamauga Celebration in Chattanooga from September 16 to 25.

Mr. Mennet, we would like to have you, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Mr. Russell C. Martin, adjutant general, with us during this time to take part in the special services in honor of those men who gave their all so that we might enjoy everlasting peace.

If it is possible, we would like to have you arrange for the State convention of the Grand Army of the Republic to be held in Chattanooga during the dates of the commemoration. The State convention of the United Confederate Veterans will be held here on Monday, September 19.

Mrs. Mahala Archer, Chattanooga's chairman of the Woman's Relief Corps, requests that you appoint Miss Mary Rhoda Montague as sponsor for the North, and Miss May Temple and Miss Floweree Patten as maids of honor. If these suggestions meet with your approval, will you please telegraph, collect, this approval of their appointment to the writer.

We sincerely hope that you will be with us and we will look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Cordially yours,

R. L. MOORE,
General Chairman.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Comrades, you have heard the reading of these communications from our Past Commander in Chief Jewel and Past Commander in Chief Stacey. I think there should be a telegraphic reply to them.

Adjutant General MARTIN. I would like to offer a motion that we send a telegram to each of these past commanders in chief that are not with us today.

Commander in Chief MENNET. We will instruct our adjutant general to send telegrams to each of these past commanders in chief thanking them for the telegrams that they have sent. The rest of these communications will be placed on file. The communication from Chattanooga has already been answered. The adjutant general was instructed to name the parties they request.

Is the committee on reports of other officers ready to report?

Comrade A. C. Estabrook, of Michigan, chairman of the committee, was not in the encampment for the moment, but at the conclusion of the meeting handed in the following report:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON REPORTS OF OTHER OFFICERS

Commander in Chief and Comrades:

Your committee, appointed to report on the reports of other officers, namely, the senior and junior vice commanders in chief, chaplain in chief, surgeon general, and adjutant general, beg leave to report that we have carefully perused said reports and find them all written in a fine spirit of cooperation for the advancement of the interests of our beloved organization, the Grand Army of the Republic.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. ESTABROOK,
IRA R. WILDMAN,
JOSEPH F. STODDARD,
Committee.

Commander in Chief MENNET. What is your further pleasure?

Comrade IRA R. WILDMAN of Connecticut. Move that we proceed to the election of officers of this encampment.

Commander in Chief MENNET. We haven't got to that point yet. Thank you. Reports of committees.

Comrade THOMAS AMBROSE of Illinois. I have a final report of the committee from the Grand Army of the Republic on the Gettysburg reunion which I should be glad to read—a final report of our committee.

Commander in Chief MENNET. All right. The comrade will come to the platform and make the report. This is reports of visiting committees. However, we will indulge the comrade for this report.

Comrade AMBROSE (reading):

DES MOINES, IOWA, September 8, 1938.

Commander in Chief Overton H. Mennet and Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic:

I wish to ask your courteous indulgence while I endeavor to explain some allusions in circular letter No. 1, May 16, from national headquarters in effect censuring me by name for action or lack of action as chairman of the Grand Army committee to the Gettysburg reunion of 1938.

Parts of letters written by me to national headquarters are quoted. Instead of fragments, I should be glad to see given in full the text of every letter written by me as chairman of the Gettysburg committee. It is only by reading the whole story that one could form a just estimate of the tangled situation.

You are familiar with the terms of the resolution passed at Madison. On September 20, I mailed a copy of this resolution to Paul L. Roy, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania commission, with the words, "which I trust may meet your approval." This was all that our committee was required to do by the terms of the resolution.

I admit that, as a matter of form, I should without undue delay have notified the commander in chief of this action and would have done so but for the following facts.

On or about October 1, Executive Secretary Roy wrote asking a conference of a committee from the Pennsylvania commission and our committee. I named October 22 and Chicago as time and place. The meeting was held as announced but no agreement was reached regarding having the Confederate flag "in view" at the reunion. The proceedings then had are briefly set forth in my letter of November 10 to the commander in chief.

November 8 the Commander in chief wrote:

"The secretary of the Gettysburg commission sent me a copy of the letter which he sent you with reference to a meeting of the Gettysburg commission in Chicago. * * * Naturally I expected to receive a like notice from you, since the commander in chief is a member, ex-officio, of all committees."

Parts of my reply of November 10 are quoted on page 2 of circular letter No. 1. Let me add other parts of that letter:

"I question if you would have thought it worth while to cross the continent to attend this meeting, although the members of the committee would have felt honored had you done so."

"The meeting was suggested by Mr. Roy, secretary of the Pennsylvania commission, and the purpose is set forth in his letter, of which you have a copy * * *."

"You will be duly advised of any further steps taken by your committee."

The above letter was written in a spirit of harmony and conciliation. "Ex-officio member of all G. A. R. committees" in my letter should have been within quotation marks, taken as it was from the commander in chief's letter of the 8th. I had my doubts of its correctness but preferred to avoid controversy.

As a matter of fact there is nothing in the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic giving the commander in chief such designation.

A statute of Illinois provides that "all officers of a corporation shall have authority in the management of the affairs of the corporation as may be provided in the bylaws."

I quote from Robert's Rules of Order, edition 1915, section 51: "The president is not a member of any committee except by virtue of a special rule." Also from Sherman, Parliamentary Law and Rules of Procedure, sixth edition, page 131: "The president is never a member of a committee unless there is a special rule providing for such membership."

There is such a rule in the bylaws of the Grand Army Hall and Memorial Association of Illinois but not in the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic. The assumption of the commander in chief that there is such a provision was a plausible, but erroneous, supposition. It would seem that the interests of the Grand Army were in safe hands with the committee chosen by the national encampment, two members being past commanders in chief, of proven efficiency—one being in addition judge advocate general—the commander in chief's own appointment.

Subsequent action by our committee was based, not upon our own initiative, but upon that of the Pennsylvania commission. February 5 I wrote to the commander in chief:

"As the joint committee came to no agreement at the Chicago meeting, and a recess was taken subject to call by the commission, I dismissed the matter until such call should be made, with the hope that a definite agreement would then be reached, never thinking that months would go by without being called by the commission to a second conference."

This delay worked no disadvantage to anyone and—as I wrote—

"* * * implied no 'disrespect' to my commander in chief—which is unthinkable."

With my letter was the formal report of the committee, and a supplemental report giving a rather full account of what was said and done at the meeting of the two committees.

I further wrote:

"Part I has to do with the prescribed duty of the committee—'to notify Paul L. Roy of the resolution passed at the Madison encampment,' and is the official report.

"Part II is wholly supererogatory, but I thought it well to keep the commander in chief fully advised of all that transpired with which the committee had anything to do. I have done so to date and will continue to do so."

Coincident with the mailing of these reports and with the hope of eliciting a definite statement that our conditions would be met and thereby enable my commander in chief to announce the fact in general orders, I sent, February 4, to Secretary Roy a letter which in my opinion stated the situation clearly, temperately, and dispassionately.

"DEAR MR. ROY: I have had no word from you since your letter of November 4, acknowledging the receipt of my letter of November 2, in which was suggested as evidence of amity and good feeling, that three Confederate veterans wearing their gray uniform meet the three members of the committee from the Grand Army wearing their blue uniform, together with three members from the Pennsylvania commission, and endeavor amicably to adjust differences regarding the conditions for holding a reunion of the Blue and Gray at Gettysburg in 1938, thus making such meeting a forerunner of the later meeting of the Blue and Gray.

"However, my attention has been called to an article in the Washington Star of September 13, 1937, quoting Harry Rene Lee, adjutant general of the United Confederate Veterans and honorary member of the Pennsylvania Commission as saying:

"'I want it distinctly understood that the display of Confederate uniforms and flags will be very much in evidence and that there still exist broad-minded soldiers who oppose each other in the open. They are the men who will be at Gettysburg.'

"From the same source under date of October 14, 1937, Gen. N. B. Harless, of the Texas Confederate Veterans, is quoted as saying:

"'They tell us we can't wear these old uniforms and that we can't march behind our flag. Unless I hear differently from the Governor of the State, we can't go. They know that.'

"In order to set at rest the contention that objection is made to the wearing of Confederate uniforms at the Gettysburg reunion, let me quote in full the resolution adopted by the Grand Army of the Republic at the National Encampment at Madison, September 9, 1937:

"*Resolved*, That the commander in chief appoint a committee to notify Paul L. Roy, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania State Commission that we are willing to attend a reunion of citizens of the United States who at one time were opposed to one another in a Civil War and who now wish to join in a reunion at Gettysburg in 1938 for the purpose of showing to the citizens of the United States our reconciliation to the results of that Civil War; at such reunion to have in view only the flag of the United States of America.'

"Since the Civil War this country has participated in two wars, both foreign, in which the sons and grandsons of the men who wore the Blue and the Gray fought side by side, with equal bravery under the Stars and Stripes, their flag.

"Let me quote from a speech by Jefferson Davis, former President of the Southern Confederacy, made at Mississippi City in 1888:

"'The past is dead; let us bury its dead, its hopes, its aspirations; before you lies the future—a future full of golden promise, a future full of expanding

national glory, before which all the world shall stand amazed. Let me beseech you to lay aside all rancor, all bitter sectional feeling, and to make your places in the ranks of those who will bring about—"a consummation devoutly to be wished"—a reunited country.'

"The thought and feeling expressed by Jefferson Davis culminate and crystallize in a letter by Theodore Roosevelt, former President of the United States, dated January 5, 1919, addressed to the American Defense Society and read at the New York Hippodrome on the night of his death:

"There can be no divided allegiance. We have room in this country for but one flag, the Stars and Stripes, and we should tolerate no allegiance to any other flag, whether a foreign flag, the red flag, or the black flag. We have room for but one loyalty, loyalty to the United States. We have room for but one soul—loyalty, and that is loyalty to the American people.'

'At Gettysburg, 75 years ago, there were two opposing hosts under two different flags—one representing a divided country and slavery, the other a united Nation and liberty; one went down in honorable defeat with the brave men who bore it. Let us not at this late day disturb their sleep. The other flag with all its stars intact, borne to victory through six great conflicts, always triumphant, now waves in peace over 'a reunited country.'

"There are men today who wore the gray who are as loyal Americans as any who wore the blue—content to 'let the dead past bury its dead'—as the southern leader so fitly said.

"Let the men who wore the blue, the men who wore the gray 'laying aside all rancor, all sectional feeling' go again to Gettysburg, this time as loyal Americans only, and, as citizens of the United States 'pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands: one Nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.'

"I am sure that this reunion was conceived in the spirit of loyal Americanism and not sectionalism and that the sentiments to which I have tried to give expression are the sentiments of your commission.

'Will you not give me a definite and official statement of the conditions governing the reunion to which the Blue and Gray are invited?

"Very truly yours,

(Signed) THOMAS AMBROSE.

*"Chairman, Committee, Grand Army of the
Republic to Gettysburg Reunion."*

To this letter I received no reply, nor has any further communication come to me or to any member of our committee from any member of the Pennsylvania commission.

National headquarters acknowledged the receipt of our reports without comment, but Judge Advocate General Willett, under date of February 10, wrote me as follows:

"I have examined said partial report carefully. * * * I say to you that under the circumstances and requirements of the hour and the occasion that I am very much pleased with the report, as far as it goes, and approve the same heartily.

"This report certainly fills the bill and I am gratified to know that we have a chairman that knows his business. * * * Congratulations for the reportable material, considering the situation."

The commander in chief in his letters seemed of the opinion that our committee had discretionary powers. In my opinion—and I feel sure that I speak for the other members of the committee as well—we had no authority to recommend any action that would deviate from the mandate of the national encampment.

We appreciated that the commander in chief was in an embarrassing situation and our disposition to aid in its solution is evidenced by suggestions in our letters to him, but these suggestions were not signed as members of the committee but as judge advocate general, past commander in chief, and member council of administration, respectively—for as Comrade Ruhe wrote to the commander in chief April 8:

"There is no power in existence that can alter, amend, or repeal said mandate" [of the national encampment].

I have been given to understand that Chairman Rice of the Pennsylvania commission (following the example of his executive secretary by ignoring the committee) entered into direct correspondence with the commander in chief which eventually resulted in the decision by the latter announced on page 5

of Circular Letter No. 1. Copies of this correspondence were sent by the commander in chief to each member of the committee and there were repeated requests to learn our reaction to the same.

To all these inquiries my reply was substantially the same as stated in my letter of April 5:

"As a member of the Gettysburg reunion committee, I cannot recede from the stand taken by the national encampment at Madison. As an individual member of the Grand Army I should be inclined to soften the asperity of our decision at Madison and carefully weigh the meaning of the words 'in view' in our resolution. * * *"

April 21, the commander in chief wrote to Chairman Rice:

"* * * The committee are willing to waive the matter of the Confederate flag being placed in front of the camp occupied by the Confederate veterans. * * *"

The committee was misunderstood. This is what occurred:

Comrade Willett, not as a member of our committee but as judge advocate general, recommended to the commander in chief that the invitation be accepted provided that the Confederate flag be in view only in the Confederate camp. To this I assented, not as a member of our committee but as member of the national council of administration.

April 30, Comrade Ruhe, of our committee, wrote to the commander in chief:

"* * * If the provisions as cited by Senator Rice be faithfully carried out, that there will be nothing on display that will be offensive to anyone, I will voice no objection for the Grand Army of the Republic to meet with other citizens of the United States upon that occasion.

"(Signed) PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF."

May 2, I wrote:

"I heartily concur in what Commander Ruhe says"—and signed, Chairman of Committee.

April 11, I wrote:

"Your tentative draft sent me some time ago would seem the safe and reasonable thing to do." (This, in substance, was that should the Stars and Bars be in view the Grand Army would not participate officially, but individual members would be free to go as citizens of the United States and Union Veterans of the Civil War.)

April 28, the commander in chief wrote me:

"In view of the wording and tone of the letter from Chairman Rice, of the Pennsylvania Commission, there seemed no reason for declining the invitation without giving the general public a wrong view of our attitude in the matter. I hope your committee will appreciate my view, for it seemed the only course open to me as commander in chief."

After all the pother and palaver it is illuminating to read this politely sarcastic paragraph in Chairman Rice's letter of April 19 to the commander in chief:

"There apparently has been some misunderstanding. Our plans from the beginning contemplated a reunion of all veterans of the North and South who served in the armies of 1861-65, and did not contemplate merely a joint reunion of the G. A. R. and U. C. V. However, if these two organizations desired to have any special program, the commission stood ready to assist in any way."

If words mean anything, members of the Grand Army of the Republic, as such, were not invited at all. But only if they chanced to be individual veterans who served in the arms of '61 to '65.

Time marched on, and in the latter part of May from a clear sky came what I hailed as a happy solution of all our troubles: An imposing invitation from the Government of the United States to the individual veteran of the Civil War to attend the Commemoration of the Seventy-fifth Anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. I read it with a feeling of jubilation, for to such an invitation from such a source there could be but one response.

Being guest of the Government of the United States completely changed the complexion of affairs, and, until the contrary should appear, gave assurance that nothing would be permitted at the reunion but what was fit and proper.

What pleased me most was a short paragraph in a letter accompanying the invitation. It was not only in conspicuous caps but boldly underlined to make it more emphatic:

"THESE INSTRUCTIONS WILL GOVERN, AND ALL PREVIOUS INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE COMMISSION SHOULD BE DISREGARDED."

That, I thought, wipes the slate clean and dumps everything that has gone before into the oblivion of the wastebasket. To my surprise I received about a week later circular letter No. 1, dated May 16, received May 31—15 days in transit, seemingly—five printed pages of matter which the invitation from the Government had rendered obsolescent and nugatory—but in that circular letter was no mention of the invitation from the Government that brought all this about.

In closing let me say that your committee has carried out in spirit and in letter the mandate of the supreme authority of our organization—the national encampment—whose orders even the commander in chief is required to enforce.

I am glad that conditions were so radically changed that I could accept the invitation from my Government and go with a clear conscience. I am sure that all who went feel as I do—that it was a great occasion, and “should we live a thousand years we never could forget it.”

I trust that my comrades of the committee may join in making this our final report and in asking that the committee be discharged.

In F., C. and L,

THOMAS AMBROSE, *Chairman.*

We, the undersigned members of this committee, approve the above and foregoing report.

JAMES W. WILLETT,
C. H. WILLIAM RUHE.

Comrade JOHN E. ANDREW, of Illinois. I second the motion.

Past Comander-in-Chief James W. Willet. Commander-in-Chief, a committee was appointed to prepare resolutions on the death of Past Commander-in-Chief Oley Nelson. I am the only member of that committee here and I ask permission to have the resolutions prepared later and printed in the Journal.

Commander-in-Chief Mennet. Permission is granted.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Officer of the Day, you will report to the outpost and present the committee in waiting. I want to say to the comrades that no comrade has a right to get up on his feet without being recognized by the commander in chief. When you get up announce your name and your department, and then when you are recognized you can speak, and not before.

We have a committee from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic who have been waiting here during the entire reading of this report, and they are forced to return, so we are glad to receive them.

Comrades, I am pleased to present Mrs. Josephine Mahar, a past national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army, and her committee, and she will introduce them in the regular way. We will hear from the chairman of this committee.

Mrs. MAHAR. Commander, Adjutant, comrades all, we come to you from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. We are not going to keep you very long. I am not the spokesman. I am going to introduce to you the lady who will deliver the greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Sister Cassea Hopper Orsborn, past national president, Ladies of the Gand Army of the Republic.

Mrs. ORSBORN. Commander in Chief and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am happy to stand before you once more. It has been my happy privilege to bring you greetings a number of times. I am indeed glad to see so many of you present this morning. The next speaker is going to present you with some gifts. Unfortunately, they did not give me anything to give to you except my love, and I give that to you most freely.

It is true that we do not donate to your work in a financial way, because, as you know, we are spending our money for you in a different manner—by maintaining homes for the dependent loved ones of the Union Veterans of the Civil War. The largest of our homes is located at Pittsburgh, Pa., where we will meet next year, Commander in Chief, while the smallest one is located at Puyallup, in my own Department of Washington and Alaska. It costs us approximately \$2,500 a month to maintain our home at Pittsburgh, while the one at Puyallup averages about \$800 a month. So you see that altogether, in maintaining seven such homes, we are spending more than \$100,000 a year in this work, and these dear sisters of ours, the dependent loved ones of your fallen comrades, would be most unhappy without the loving care we are able to give them.

This morning, Commander, I know that you are very busy, and so are we. I want to say just this:

Had I the touch of the master's art,
 Or the gift of the minstrel's pen,
 I would paint your flag on every loyal heart,
 I would sing of you loyal men.
 Then I would dip my brush in the morning light
 Where it streameth to make the dawn,
 And I would line off the bars on the field of white
 With the blood of heroes gone.
 Then I would write of your deeds of valor and might,
 On pages of history that are new,
 Of America's flag, unsullied in fight,
 Of Old Glory, the red, the white, the blue.

So much we owe to you.

Mrs. MAHAR. It is now my honor and pleasure to introduce to you the newly elected national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Mrs. Edwina P. Trigg, of Missouri.

Mrs. TRIGG. Dr. Mennet, Comrade Martin, and the comrades of my father, if I had any honor that could be given to me this morning, the greatest honor that I think could come to one woman, it is to stand before you today to represent one of the bodies that will go on to represent you in the years to come.

It has been the joy of my life to work for the Grand Army of the Republic. My mother was a Woman's Relief Corp woman, and we girls at home stayed out so that mother and father had the honors that would come to them. I am sorry that from the time I was old enough to belong that I could not have belonged or did not belong to some of the organizations. I worked silently, but I worked well, thankful that we had the joy of life.

It has been my privilege to go through these orders, but the greatest joy comes to me this morning not only to come to you but to come to see the man that I have admired for the 2 or 3 years that I have known him personally, Dr. Mennet, your commander in chief. To you and to Colonel Martin, I have been delegated to pin the badge of our order upon you with my love and esteem, and through you to the other members of your organization. I hope you may have health and all the honors that can come to you. My respect and love to you.

Commander in Chief MENNET. This is the new president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic whom they have duly elected, and we congratulate Mrs. Trigg. When we came through

Kansas City she had the American Legion and all of the honored members of Kansas City to meet us and gave us a breakfast and showed us a good time while we remained there waiting for the evening train to come on to Des Moines. And we thank you very much. And we thank the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic for all of the nice things they have done for us. Thank you very much.

Comrade Martin will reply to the greetings of this committee.

Adjutant General MARTIN. Commander in Chief and comrades, you know I call this Mrs. Trigg who is here with these other ladies—I call her the General. She has more ideas and more executive ability than most of us have, and to see her elected as national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic gives me, and I know it must all of our comrades, a great deal of pleasure and happiness, because she is able to conduct that organization with the highest efficiency that would be possible for any organization to be conducted. And we congratulate her and congratulate ourselves that she is to head this organization for the year, and wish her every happiness and success that can come to her, which I know will come. It cannot get away.

Mrs. TRIGG. I am pledging my loyal support and that of my organization to you comrades.

Mrs. MAHAR. Commander in Chief, this is just a little remembrance from our national president to you of the year's work together, her love, and esteem.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Thank you for this present. Take back to your organization my sincere thanks. And on behalf of my comrades, we thank you kindly, very kindly, for these greetings of yours this morning. We know that you are engaged in good, patriotic work.

Mrs. MAHAR. Comrade Martin was my commander in chief when I was national president. Of course, we think a lot of our commander in chief we serve. While I only served 3 months with him—the other 9 months was with Captain Wright—I love both of them very, very dearly. Commander in Chief, we are very happy to say that we believe that this convention has done you lots of good. I find you looking much better today than when I saw you first. This little remembrance for you, Comrade Martin.

Adjutant General MARTIN. Young lady, I have argued for a long, long time, but my arguments went out like the wind—they don't have any effect at all—that anyone who presents anything should never call it little. It should be called a loving gift. There is nothing in this world that is given to you that is not great. I am not scolding, but if it is nothing but a postcard—if they remembered you, and it is an evidence of affection. It is not only a card. So this morning our love and affection are just as great as they possibly could be. And thank you.

(The committee retired.)

Commander in Chief MENNET. Comrade Andrew, I will recognize you. Will you come to the platform?

Comrade JOHN E. ANDREW, of Illinois. I think they can hear what I have to say right here. I second the motion of the committee at

Gettysburg. I think they had a fine time, and I second the motion and request that there be no palaver and the committee be discharged.

Comrade JOHN SHEARER, of Texas. General Harris and I are warm personal friends. There is no more loyal man in the South. I was instrumental in getting him to go up, and also 16 old Confederates. When he got up there he said, "Do you see that flag?" I had told him about this trouble, and I had spoken in different places to correct his impression that went abroad that they would not receive them unless they took off their gray coats and concealed their flags. When he got up there he said, "That is the Confederate flag. I swear," he says, "the war is over."

Now, how would you folks like to come to Houston, the New York of the South? I would like to hear what you have to say about it. I am authorized by the chamber of commerce. Now, I would like, if it would be all right, to get how you feel about it. We will treat you fine down there. I have been a resident of Houston for 42 years, and I want to tell you they are just as loyal there as they are in the North. At every school house you will see a United States flag. I have not seen any up here.

That is all I have to say. I just want to put that in about Harris, for he is one of the finest men that ever lived.

Commander in Chief MENNET. A motion is before the house, and properly seconded, that we accept this committee's report. Are there any remarks? (Calls for the question.) Hearing none, all in favor of the acceptance of this report will signify it by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes have it, and it is so ordered.

Next is the report of the committee on rules and regulations, and Comrade Ruhe has requested that he be recognized before we enter into this full report. With your consent, I will recognize Comrade Ruhe.

Past Commander in Chief C. H. WILLIAM RUHE. Commander in Chief and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic in this encampment, some time ago the commander in chief referred to the committee on rules and regulations, I think a very serious question, which really is of concern to every comrade, for it means the continuation of the Grand Army of the Republic. The question is the financial future, and he asked that the committee hold a meeting previous to the encampment and consider this question.

Fortunately for both the commander in chief of this organization and myself as chairman of that committee, I had given that matter a very serious consideration for over a year, and the reason why I did it was that I and two other comrades were very familiar with the financial situation as we were the trustees of the permanent fund and knew exactly the destination we were steering for.

This committee met and after a very thorough discussion of all the suggestions made by the various committees and the various members and myself, and giving it every possible consideration from every angle, finally concluded to recommend to you something that you will hear in our final report, which I will now ask the reporter to read to you so that you will thoroughly understand the situation before we later request any action upon this report.

The shorthand reporter then read the following:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REGULATIONS

DES MOINES, IOWA, September 7, 1938.

*To the Seventy-second National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic,
Des Moines, Iowa:*

Your committee on rules and regulations, and ritual, at the request of the commander in chief, have taken up the consideration of the financial future of the Grand Army of the Republic and beg leave to report to you the following recommendation, which, after a lengthy discussion, was passed unanimously by the committee in the presence of the commander in chief, and we now request that the national encampment make the necessary changes in the article and section pertaining to the permanent fund as directed in this report.

That chapter VIII, sec. 3, paragraph 2, which now reads: "The trustees are authorized and directed to turn over to the quartermaster general, when proper requisition is made by the commander in chief, such sum or sums of money as may be actually necessary to meet current expenses of the national organization; it being understood that this shall not exceed the amount of \$4,000 in any one year. The trustees are also authorized and directed to sell and transfer in such manner as may be legally necessary, such securities held in this fund as may be required to conform to the above order," be repealed, and the following paragraph be substituted, to wit:

"That from the permanent fund, which now consists of investments in securities in the amount of \$7,000, together with the amount of \$86.98 principal and \$665.39 accrued interest, together with the interest income on the securities mentioned above during the fiscal year, and such premiums as may be obtained by the sale of securities made necessary to secure the proper amount of funds to be paid to the quartermaster general as directed.

"That toward liquidating the expenses of operating the Grand Army of the Republic during the fiscal year of 1938-39, there shall be paid from the total of the foregoing-mentioned funds to the quartermaster general, the sum of \$2,500."

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Now, commander in chief, the comrades having heard the unanimous opinion of your committee, I, as the chairman, offer the motion that this report be received and the recommendation be concurred in. That will take care of the share of the financial end of it for the fiscal year of 1938-39, and by that time you will have a year's experience and you will know what to do in the following fiscal year. I therefore offer the motion that this report be received and the recommendation concurred in.

Comrade J. W. CARROLL of North Dakota. I second the motion.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Comrades, you have heard the recommendation of the committee on rules and regulations and the motion of the chairman thereof. Are you ready for the question? All in favor will signify it may saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes have it and it is so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Thank you, Commander in Chief. That solves the problem for us for a year anyway.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Comrade Willett, of the committee on resolutions.

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. In my opinion I should read this entire report first, and if it can be disposed of without going into detail we will get through with it quickly. I regret exceedingly that it will be necessary for me to sit down in making this report because, unless I have something to lean upon, I don't know when I might fall. [Reading:]

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS

Resolution (marked "No. 1") submitted by Past Commander in Chief Ruhe, regarding a method for increasing the funds of the Grand Army of the Republic.

lic. Motion by Comrade Henry Held, seconded by Comrade George N. Lockwood, that the resolution be approved. Carried unanimously.

Resolution (marked "No. 2") signed by Thomas Ambrose, of Illinois, regarding a protest against the erection of an equestrian statue of General Lee at Arlington. Motion by Comrade Ruhe, seconded by Comrade Andrew, that the resolution be approved. Carried unanimously.

Resolution (marked "No. 3") submitted by the Illinois Department, regarding widows' pensions. Motion by Comrade Andrew, seconded by several that the resolution be amended to provide for a 10-year marriage, omitting the dates. Carried. Motion by Comrade Ruhe, seconded by several, that the resolution as amended be approved. Carried unanimously.

Resolution (marked "No. 4") signed by Thomas Stritch, New York, asking that the 10 percent and 5 percent reductions of a few years ago, be refunded. Motion by Comrade Hoffman, seconded by several, that the resolution be approved. Carried.

Resolution of thanks. Motion by Comrade Ruhe, seconded by several, that a resolution of thanks be drafted, to include all contributing to the success of the encampment. Carried.

1

Whereas the financial condition of the Grand Army of the Republic at the present time makes it necessary that the National Encampment resort to necessary methods to secure sufficient funds for the purpose of operating in the future; and

Whereas in the organizations recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic, by virtue of such recognition there was a pledge to aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic and its dependents: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the incoming administration, by its commander in chief, appoint a committee of three members of this encampment for the purpose of conferring with our recognized organizations and conveying to them the financial condition of our institution, with reference to such donations as we have already received from these sources and further to confer with those who have not contributed in any manner or form toward the maintenance of the Grand Army of the Republic, and endeavor to get some arrangement which will assure to the Grand Army of the Republic a definite income from that source; which definite income is to be added to such transfers from the permanent fund as can be made from year to year in order to meet the necessary expenses of the Grand Army of the Republic.

This committee shall be composed of members who have financial ability, business ability, a knowledge of the finances of the Grand Army of the Republic, and a wide acquaintance among the members of the recognized organizations.

Commander in Chief, shall I proceed to read the whole and move for the adoption of all of it, or now have the vote?

Commander in Chief MENNET. I think that we will have the report of all and accept it as a whole, unless there is some objection.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. That is what I wanted to do. [Continuing the reading:]

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Whereas a bill (H. J. Res. 142) has been introduced in the seventy-fifth session of the Congress authorizing the erection of an equestrian statue of Gen. Robert E. Lee in the Arlington National Cemetery and stopped by the objections of Representatives Jesse P. Wolcott, Robert F. Rich, Bertrand Snell, and John Tober; and

Whereas in the course of debate Representative Hamilton Fish said: "I do not believe that any veteran of the Union Army * * * would object to the passage of a bill providing for the erection of a monument to Gen. Robert E. Lee, at Arlington, and it is not a veteran * * * who has objected * * *. I shall renew my efforts, if reelected, to have an equestrian statue of Robert E. Lee erected at Arlington, Va., in front of his old home"; and

Whereas Representative Fish further stated in Congress June 29, 1937, "not a single survivor of the Grand Army of the Republic has opposed this resolution (H. J. Res. 142)"; and

Whereas the Grand Army of the Republic, at its Seventh Annual Encampment, September 1936, unanimously adopted the following resolution:

"Whereas a bill was introduced in the seventy-fourth session of Congress to appropriate \$50,000 to erect a memorial statue to Robert E. Lee in Arlington National Cemetery; and

"Whereas Arlington National Cemetery has been solemnly dedicated to be the last resting place of patriots who gave 'the last full measure of devotion' to preserve the Nation which Robert E. Lee did his utmost to destroy: Therefore be it

Resolved, That Robert E. Lee should have no place of honor on that consecrated ground; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, and to Representative Hamilton Fish, who introduced the objectionable bill."

Therefore be it

Resolved by the Grand Army of the Republic at the Seventy-second National Encampment held at Des Moines, September 1938, That we hereby unqualifiedly reaffirm and readopt the resolution above recited, passed at the Seventieth National Encampment at Washington, September 1936: And be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the adjutant general to the President of the United States, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House, to Representative Hamilton Fish, who introduced the objectionable bill, and to Representatives Jesse P. Wolcott, Robert F. Rich, Bertrand H. Snell, and John Taber, with the thanks of the Grand Army for consistently opposing the passage of said bill.

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Whereas no widow of a Civil War veteran can obtain a pension if her marriage took place subsequent to June 27, 1905; and

Whereas 33 years have elapsed since then, and the last days of many a veteran have been made happy and comfortable through a late marriage; and

Whereas widows and veterans of later wars are pensioned if the marriage occurred within 20 years of the present time: Be it

Resolved, That the Grand Army of the Republic, in encampment assembled, ask that Congress amend the present law, changing the date "June 27, 1905," of June 27, 1920."

Comrade JOHN E. ANDREW, of Illinois. You remember that there was a substitute for that. It was amended to read "10 years' marriage."

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. I will read the remainder of the resolutions and move the adoption of all of them except the last one read, and we will consider it alone. [Continuing the reading:]

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Whereas it is a known fact that several years ago, on account of distressed times, the Congress of the United States deducted 10 percent from the pensions of Civil War veterans for a period of 1 year, and the following year deducted an additional 5 percent for a period of 1 year; and

Whereas the above deductions have never been refunded to the veterans; and

Whereas it is now evident that this country is in a more prosperous condition and in a position to return such deductions to Civil War veterans: Be it

Resolved, That the members of the Seventy-second Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic in Des Moines, September 4 to 9, 1938, respectively pray that Civil War pensioners now be refunded in the amounts formerly deducted.

5

Whereas for the fourth time the national encampment is meeting in the beautiful city of Des Moines and we are again experiencing the friendly hospitality of the State of Iowa and the city of Des Moines: Be it

Resolved, That we express our thanks and appreciation to the officials and people of the State of Iowa and city of Des Moines; to the members of the

military forces; to the members of the civic and fraternal organizations; to the police; to the Boy Scouts; to the personnel of the hotels and the Shrine Temple; and be it further

Resolved, That we express our deep appreciation to the President of the United States and the Members of Congress for allowing the United States Marine Band to attend this encampment; and be it further

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to Capt. Taylor Branson and the members of the Marine Band for their generous proffer of music on all occasions; and be it further

Resolved, That we thank James McConaghie, superintendent of Gettysburg National Park, for his splendid lecture on Gettysburg Park and the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg and his wonderful display of many reunion scenes, and we further express our gratitude to the Director of the United States Park Service for detailing Mr. McConaghie to entertain us.

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Resolved, That this seventy-second national encampment tender its thanks and appreciation to the United States Gettysburg Commission and to the Pennsylvania Gettysburg Commission for the splendid entertainment given us at Gettysburg on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg; and especially do we thank Senator Rice, chairman, and Paul Roy, secretary of the Gettysburg Commission; Gen. Henry Gibbins and Col. John T. Harris, executive officers of the Federal Commission, and Col. Milton G. Baker, executive officer of the anniversary camp, and their able assistants, who so sympathetically and patiently handled the various problems presented to them by the veterans and attendants; and we commend the services of Supt. James McConaghie and of the Boy Scouts.

I move that these resolutions, with the exception of the one with reference to the marriage date in the pension law, be adopted and that we vote upon that one separately.

Comrade W. W. NIXON, of Kansas. I second the motion.

Commander in Chief MENNET. You have heard the reading of these resolutions. Are you ready for this question? All in favor signify by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes have it, and so ordered.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Now, Commander in Chief, as to this other resolution, there was an amendment, and it should be incorporated herein, that the limit for the pension to the widow of the veteran of the Civil War after the marriage be reduced to 10 years. Now there is a motion that the date fixed shall be fixed at 10 years therefrom. In other words, it was passed by our committee with that exception.

Commander in Chief MENNET. You have heard the reading of the resolution, which has been properly supported. Are you ready for the question, that the pension date shall be 10 years from the time of the marriage? All those in favor of the resolution as thus amended will signify it by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." The ayes have it, and so ordered.

The last paragraph of Resolution No. 3 was thereupon changed to read:

Resolved, That the Grand Army of the Republic, in encampment assembled, ask that Congress amend the present law, omitting dates, making such widow eligible to a pension if married to the veteran 10 or more years prior to his death.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Comrade Willett, we thank you and your committee for this splendid report.

Officer of the Day, you will repair to the outpost and present the committee there in waiting.

The officer of the day then escorted to the platform a committee from the Woman's Relief Corps consisting of National President Elizabeth L. Kothe, past National Presidents Cora B. Davis, Belle W. Bliss, Emma W. Campbell, Margaret J. Lewis Bennett, Beatrice J. Tyson, Lizetta Coady, Mary J. Love, Ida Heacock Baker, and Rhoda Denny Moss, President-elect.

Commander in Chief MENNET. We are certainly very happy to have Mrs. Kothe here with us. Last March she met with a most serious accident, and it is rather a miracle that she can be here with us. We are very happy to have her here.

Comrades, it affords me great pleasure to present the National President of the Woman's Relief Corps, our Auxiliary, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Kothe, of Parkersburg, Iowa. We will now hear from Mrs. Kothe, who will introduce the respective members of her committee.

Mrs. KOTHE. Commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, past commanders in chief, and comrades, we come to you to bring you the loving greetings of your auxiliary, the National Woman's Relief Corps, and I want to introduce these past national presidents to you in the order in which they stand. Mrs. Cora M. Davis, of Oregon; Mrs. Belle W. Bliss, of Wisconsin; Emma W. Campbell, of Minnesota; Margaret J. Lewis Bennett, of Pennsylvania; Beatrice J. Tyson, of New York; Ida Heacock Baker, of Kansas; Mary J. Love, of Kentucky; Lizetta Coady, of Michigan; and our newly elected national president, Rhoda Denny Moss, of Washington and Alaska. I present them to you.

Commander, we know that you have a very busy meeting this morning, and it is warm. We won't take up much of your time. But I have a little report to bring to you from your auxiliary, the National Woman's Relief Corps:

Number of departments in National Woman's Relief Corps-----	38
Number of corps in national-----	1, 810
Number of members in national-----	89, 768
Number of detached corps-----	17
Number of deaths for year-----	2, 679
Number of persons assisted-----	50, 777
Expended for relief for year-----	\$263, 049. 21
Expended for flowers-----	\$20, 018. 62

A beautiful silk parade flag and standard was presented to Gen. Frank T. Hines, in Washington, D. C. Flags presented in Des Moines this week were to the Methodist Church, to the Methodist Hospital, to the Home for the Aged, to the Junior League Convalescent Home for Boys and Girls. A bronze tablet of Lincoln's Gettysburg address was presented to the Smouse Opportunity School. Four trees were dedicated in Union Park on Sunday. A sesquicentennial shrine to the Des Moines Public Library.

We have 89,768 members who are still working with you and for you, and we will have that many and more this next year to continue on as your auxiliary to help you in everything that you want us to do. We present this report to you, Commander, and hope that it meets with your approval. We plan to go on this coming year bigger and better for your honor.

We hope you are having a grand convention, and we wish for you happiness, health, and comfort—for everyone of you. We thank you for all you did for us, and the years you are going to remain with us are our inspiration. And you know we will always carry on to the end of time for you grand men. Thank you.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Thank you, Mrs. Kothe, for this splendid report that you have made. Do I hear a motion to receive this report?

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH, of New York. I offer a motion that this report of these ladies be received unanimously.

Comrade J. S. DUMSER, of California and Nevada. I second the motion.

Commander in Chief MENNET. You have heard the motion and the proper support. Are you ready for this question? All in favor signify it by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." Of course, we know that it will be unanimous. We could not do otherwise when this loving auxiliary of ours has done so much for us. We have nothing but the deepest affection for them.

Now, Mrs. President, you have some other members that wish to say something to us? If you will introduce them?

Mrs. KOTHE. I don't believe they do, but you might like to hear a word from our new national president and her pledge of what she is going to do for you this year with our help. Mrs. Moss. This is Mrs. Rhoda Denny Moss, of Washington and Alaska, our newly elected president of your Auxiliary, who is going to work for you this year. [Applause.]

Mrs. Moss. Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, as newly elected national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, your Auxiliary, we pledge to you the same support, the same honor and respect, and say to you that whatsoever you need, all you have to do is to ask your Auxiliary and you will find it right at your left hand and your right hand. Thank you.

Mrs. KOTHE. We bring you greetings of Marie L. Basham and Anna Poole Atwood. They were busy and were unable to come. They sent their best love to you also.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Mrs. National President, we thank you very much for this visit and this greeting. You will take back to your organization the deep appreciation of our comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic here assembled in our annual encampment week. Comrade Willett, won't you respond to these splendid ladies and tell them how we love them and what we think of them?

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. Commander in Chief, president of the Woman's Relief Corps, each of you personally, and through you as representatives to the entire membership of the organization of the Woman's Relief Corps:

I greet you as a veteran of the Civil War. I have had occasion in the last few years to review the history of the Grand Army of the Republic and its associate organizations, and I venture to say that in all the experience of any other similar organization, if there are such, or approaching it, that there is nothing to compare with the fervency, loyalty, and patriotism of the Woman's Relief Corps and other organizations we have allied with our organization. With the Relief Corps in the van, I don't know what we would have done sometimes without their help financially, and we are depending largely in the future on their aid to us in finances, and we have laid the ground work at this particular meeting to communicate with you on that subject and are dependent upon you in your loyalty to our organization that you will help us to the end until the last one of the Grand Army of the Republic is called to the Great Beyond.

We feel confident that you will stay with us and that you will use every effort, as in the past, to protect us morally and financially as you have, and we look forward today rejoicing that we have such an affiliation. I need not amplify further. Words cannot be used—I care not by whom, or in what respect, or in what way—that will be sufficient in their description of your loyalty to us as an organization and the manner in which you have conducted yourselves for all time from the beginning to the present time.

I thank you in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic in national assembly for this visit and this opportunity to express our appreciation of your society, your gratuity, your friendship, your loyalty to us in every respect. I need not add anything further, but wish your prospects may be good in the future, even when we are dead and gone, to conduct yourselves as a fraternal, patriotic organization for the good of the Nation and its preservation. I thank you in conclusion. [Applause.]

Mrs. KOTHE. Commander in Chief, we are about to retire, but I just want to say that Belle W. Bliss is the only member of our past national presidents here who is a comrade's widow. I thought you might like to shake her hand.

Commander in Chief MENNET. I certainly do.

Mrs. BLISS. I am not a stranger to the majority of these comrades. I have visited you many times. To make a long story short, the Woman's Relief Corps have taken an obligation to stand by the Grand Army of the Republic in every way that it is possible for us to assist you, and you can depend upon us, Comrade Willett. You can do so to the last dollar, if you call upon us to spend it for you and your loyal families. And we believe that the coming generation, with the teachings of patriotic women and the teachings of all the members of the Woman's Relief Corps organization, will rally to the needs of America and the support of freedom of speech and action and our liberty in every way you can apply it. I thank you. We will fight for that; we will fight for you to the last ditch.

Commander in Chief MENNET. This is a very great privilege to hear the splendid words of cheer that they will be loyal to us lovingly and financially during the existence of our organization and to us after we have passed to the Great Beyond. And we wish this organization the utmost pleasure and benefit and that they will grow and grow and continue to grow and be of great benefit to the patriotic orders of this land. [Applause.]

(The delegation retired.)

Adjutant General MARTIN. Why can't we have the election of officers right now and have it over with this morning while we are all here? We can do it in 30 minutes.

Commander in Chief MENNET. What is the pleasure of this assembly? Shall we have the election of officers?

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH of New York. I rise to make a motion that we now proceed with the nomination and election of officers for the coming term.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Is there a second to that motion? (Motion seconded by Comrade Charles Wingrove of Kansas.) You have heard the motion, properly supported. Are you ready for the question? All that are in favor of this motion of remaining here

and electing our officers before adjourning for lunch will signify the same by saying "aye." Contrary, "no." It is so ordered. We will have the nomination of officers for the ensuing year. Those who make the nominations will please come to the platform and speak through the microphone so that you may have the privilege of hearing it.

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH of New York. Commander in Chief and comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I am here today to do that which I dearly love to do, to nominate a comrade that I know and respect. I have known him for a number of years. This comrade that I am going to propose for your consideration, and I hope you will support him, was unanimously chosen at our encampment held last June in the city of Rochester, N. Y. I presided at that meeting and therefore know what I state here. It was unanimously adopted that the comrade, that I will name shortly, receive the unanimous vote—that is, that he was the choice of the Department of New York for commander in chief for the incoming term. This comrade that I am going to propose is a respectable man. He is a man that you need not be ashamed to associate with, and therefore I am convinced, and I know that I will be sustained in my statement, that that is the kind of a man you want to succeed our retiring commander in chief. You want to hold high the standard of respectability of our commander in chief. This comrade has filled many positions of trust, not only being a soldier. He has been a businessman, in finances he has been a banker. So you see, without going into further details, that he has the necessary qualifications as a businessman to conduct the business of this organization.

Adjutant General MARTIN. Name your man.

Comrade STRITCH. When I get ready. Keep still until I get through. Now, my comrades, with that recommendation coming from me as the commander of the Department of New York, I will name my man. My man is the present junior vice commander in chief, Robert M. Rownd, of New York, former department commander. I ask you, comrades, to give him your vote, and I thank every one of you.

Comrade D. G. DUELL, of North Dakota. I wish to second the nomination of Comrade Rownd. I feel he will be a worthy successor to all the good comrades that have gone before him.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Shall we have the seconds now or have all the nominations?

Comrade STRITCH. I think we should have the seconds.

Comrade F. R. YOUNG, of California and Nevada. I wish to second the nomination of Comrade Rownd.

Comrade JOHN E. ANDREW, of Illinois. Illinois wants to second the nomination of Comrade Rownd.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Are there any other seconds? We want to get through with this quick. Any other comrade who wants to second this nomination?

Comrade C. H. PERRY, of Minnesota. I wish to put in nomination Henry Held.

Commander in Chief MENNET. I have not called for the nomination yet. I am referring to seconds to this first nomination. Are there any other seconds to this nomination?

Comrade IRA R. WILDMAN, of Connecticut. I had supposed when I entered the encampment this morning that I was going to have the very great privilege of doing as I did in Washington, second the nomination of Comrade Rownd and move that the adjutant general cast the ballot. But I find there is another candidate, and so I cannot make that motion. But in behalf of the comrades of the State of Connecticut, I second the nomination of Comrade Rownd, of New York.

Commander in Chief MENNET. With your consent we will close the seconding of this nomination and ask if there are any other nominations for the office of commander in chief for the ensuing year.

Comrade A. O. GERE, of Kansas. I desire to place in nomination the name of W. W. Nixon, of Kansas. He has held important offices in the Grand Army. He has been working in the order for years. We have never had a commander in chief, never had a man elected from Kansas, and if it is the will and pleasure of the encampment we would like to have you elect him.

Comrade JOHN HART, of Wisconsin. I wish to second the nomination of Captain Held for commander in chief.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Is there any other comrade who wants to second this nomination? Now is the opportunity. Does any comrade want to second this nomination of Comrade Held?

Comrade W. H. CHESBROUGH, of Wisconsin. I second the nomination of Comrade Held.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Any further nominations for commander in chief? We want to give you all an opportunity, and we want to get through just as quick as we possibly can and adjourn for lunch.

Comrade THEODORE WELLS, of Ohio. Comrades, I appeared here from my State of Ohio, arriving here about 4 o'clock Saturday evening. And I want to say to you that the reason why I happened to be here was that my State last June at the time of our encampment, when I went out of office as department commander of the State of Ohio—some people asked me to appear before this convention for commander in chief, as Ohio's candidate for commander in chief. But after being here and looking the situation over and hearing what I might be able to hear, I consider it my duty to withdraw my name from this convention and allow my support of my State of Ohio, who have so loyally supported me and stayed with me, and all others that have been calculating to cast their votes for me—I thank each one most thoroughly and from the heart for your support. Therefore I say I am not in the race any longer. Thank you.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Are there any other nominations to be offered for commander in chief?

Comrade W. W. NIXON, of Kansas. Commander in Chief, past commanders in chief, members of the staff, and comrades, my name has been mentioned for commander in chief. I realize what a great honor that is, but at the present time I wish to withdraw my name. I am a Pennsylvania soldier, enlisted in Pittsburgh, Pa., and I have lived in Kansas for 59 years. Our Department of Kansas has never had a national commander. I don't know what may be in the future. We cannot say anything about that. It might be my name would

come up in the future on account that they have never had a national commander, but at this time I wish to withdraw my name.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Are there any other nominations for commander in chief? Hearing none, the department commander of each one of the departments will cast his vote for the succeeding commander in chief. You have before you Comrade Rownd, of New York, and Comrade Henry Held, of Wisconsin. The roll of States will be called. The comrades will be in order. It is a courtesy that we owe every comrade here that is present and wants to hear. There will be no conversation, no talk. You will please take your seats and be quiet. We cannot do business with everybody talking about the room.

(The roll of departments was then called by the adjutant general, with the following result:)

Department	Rownd	Held	Department	Rownd	Held
California and Nevada	10	-----	Minnesota	-----	6
Colorado and Wyoming	5	-----	Missouri	3	-----
Connecticut	5	-----	Nebraska	5	-----
Florida	1	-----	New Jersey	1	-----
Idaho	1	-----	New York	5	-----
Illinois	9	-----	North Dakota	2	-----
Indiana	5	-----	Ohio	6	3
Iowa	6	-----	Oregon	1	-----
Kansas	5	-----	Pennsylvania	3	-----
Kentucky	1	-----	Virginia and North Carolina	1	-----
Maine	6	-----	Washington and Alaska	1	-----
Massachusetts	5	-----	Wisconsin	-----	3
Michigan	3	-----			

Commander in Chief MENNET. The result of your voting is as follows: 90 for Comrade Rownd, of New York, and 12 for Comrade Held, of Wisconsin. Comrade Rownd receiving a majority of all the votes cast, I now declare him elected commander in chief for the ensuing year of 1938-1939. [Applause.]

Shall we proceed with the nomination of senior vice, or shall we recess for lunch?

Past Commander in Chief JAMES W. WILLETT. The Grand Army at its last meeting in the State of Iowa selected by almost unanimous vote Comrade Frank L. Quade, of Dubuque, Iowa, for senior vice commander in chief.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Comrade Willett places in nomination for senior vice commander in chief the name of Comrade Quade, of Iowa. Are there any other nominations for senior vice commander in chief?

Comrade O. S. PIERCE, of Minnesota. I wish to nominate Samuel E. Mahan for senior vice commander in chief.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Are there any other nominations for senior vice commander in chief?

Comrade JOHN E. ANDREW, of Illinois. Comrades, it has been customary for years that the State that we meet in, or the city if they have a candidate, should be given the office of senior vice commander in chief. It has been the custom for years.

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH, of New York. Let me draw your memory to the encampment that was held in Madison, Wis., last year, and I coincide with our comrades. It has been our custom to give that position to some comrade of the town where we hold the meeting. Last year we gave it to Comrade Held at Madison, Wis. I am of the same opinion of my comrade over there from Illinois, that that position should be given to a comrade of Iowa without any contest.

Comrade IRA R. WILDMAN, of Connecticut. That was just what I was trying to convince the Minnesota comrade, but he does not understand the unwritten law of the National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Comrade SAMUEL E. MAHAN, of Minnesota. When the Grand Army met in St. Paul one of the comrades was elected national senior vice. He died in 2 months. So we were not recognized, and my friends have asked me to try for the position of national senior vice.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. It has been the unqualified action of this national encampment for a half century to concede the office of senior vice commander in chief to the State where the national encampment was held. Now, then, if you want to deviate at this time, why it seems to me that it is unwarranted; and I demand the election of Comrade Quade from Iowa, in harmony with the established usage of this encampment. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief MENNET. The comrade is out of order in that statement. Any comrade has a perfect right to be offered for any office in the gift of this encampment. There is no restriction in regard to that, not even a rule of any encampment demanding that you have that. Now, do I understand that this comrade withdrew his name?

Past Commander in Chief C. H. WILLIAM RUHE. I would now offer the motion that the nominations for senior vice commander in chief be closed upon the two names mentioned, and then we will bring the matter to a vote.

Commander in Chief MENNET. You have heard that motion. I now declare the nominations for senior vice commander in chief closed, and the chairmen of your respective departments will canvass your vote and answer promptly when the adjutant general calls for your vote.

The roll of departments was then called by the adjutant general, the departments voting as follows:

Department	Quade	Mahan	Department	Quade	Mahan
California and Nevada	10	-----	Minnesota	-----	5
Colorado and Wyoming	5	-----	New Jersey	1	-----
Connecticut	5	-----	New York	5	-----
Florida	1	-----	North Dakota	2	-----
Illinois	9	-----	Ohio	9	-----
Indiana	5	-----	Oregon	1	-----
Iowa	6	-----	Pennsylvania	3	-----
Kansas	5	-----	Utah	1	-----
Kentucky	1	-----	Virginia and North Carolina	1	-----
Maine	6	-----	Wisconsin	1	-----
Massachusetts	5	-----			
Michigan	3	-----			

Commander in Chief MENNET. Comrades, the result of your ballot is 85 for Quade and 5 for Mahan. Comrade Quade having received a majority of all the votes cast, I declare him elected senior vice commander in chief for the year 1938-39.

Comrade J. S. DUMSER, of California and Nevada. I rise to a question of privilege. We have sat here in this room 3 hours. May we not recess at this time for luncheon and rest?

Commander in Chief MENNET. Only one more. We will now receive nominations for junior vice commander in chief for the fiscal year of 1938-39.

Comrade IRA R. WILDMAN, of Connecticut. Commander in Chief and comrades of this national encampment, immediately after Appomattox as a comrade of the First Michigan Cavalry I went into the Regular Army and went out West, out into the Dakotas, to make that country free for democracy. While out there I met a very dear comrade who, all these days, has attended this national encampment—a comrade who served from '61 to '65 from the McClellan campaign until the surrender of Robert E. Lee at Appomattox. He went into civil life and made his home in North Dakota. When they established the soldiers' home there he was made commandant by the legislature and the Governor of that Commonwealth. For 25 years he served in that position and is now the commandant emeritus and treasurer. And I place in nomination that comrade, and if there are no other candidates I would move that the adjutant general cast the ballot for John W. Carroll. Get up and make a bow, John.

Comrade LEWIS H. EASTERLY, of Colorado and Wyoming. The Department of Colorado and Wyoming wishes to second the nomination of John W. Carroll.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Are there any other nominations for junior vice commander in chief? Have you any other nominations for junior vice commander in chief? Do I hear any other nominations for junior vice commander in chief for the ensuing year? If not, I will accept a motion that this election of Comrade Carroll be made unanimous.

Comrade D. G. DUELL, of North Dakota. I want to make that motion.

Comrade JOHN E. ANDREW, of Illinois. I move that the adjutant general cast the unanimous vote of this convention for Comrade Carroll.

Past Commander in Chief C. H. WILLIAM RUHE. The comrade who placed in nomination the name of Comrade Carroll made the statement that if there were no other nominations, he would make the motion that the adjutant general be instructed to cast the vote of this encampment for Comrade Carroll. I second that motion.

Adjutant General MARTIN. As adjutant general I cast the unanimous ballot for John W. Carroll, of North Dakota, for junior vice commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Comrades, you have by your vote elected Comrade Carroll for junior vice commander in chief for the ensuing year.

Now, we only have a couple of more elections. Why not finish it right up while we are at it? It won't take us but a minute, and we can do that business and we can wait that much longer for lunch. We will accept nominations for Surgeon General.

Comrade SOL ZARBAUGH, of Ohio. Comrades, Ohio has a candidate for surgeon general. I am not going to take but a moment of your time—just to touch on a few of the high spots in his history. He was born in West Virginia. He enlisted in July of '61 when he was but 14 years of age. He served two enlistments—3 years, and 6 months. He served his country during the Civil War. Now, he is so well known as a physician that his practice extends to a number of States. He is a wonderful man. He has served in Government employ for 24 years and has been retired on pay—liable to be called in when the Government wants him, if they do. Now, I don't think it is worth while to go into this matter any further. We have a candidate that there is none better than Comrade A. B. Garrett, of Gallipolis, of the Department of Ohio. If you vote for him I promise you you will always be proud of it.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Comrade Garrett has been placed in nomination for Surgeon General. Are there any other nominations for Surgeon General?

Comrade EDWARD H. COWAN, of Indiana. I second the nomination.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Any other nominations for surgeon General for the ensuing year?

Comrade THOMAS H. STRITCH, of New York. I move that the nominations be closed with the name of that comrade for surgeon general.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Hearing no other nominations for surgeon general for the ensuing year I will accept a motion that he be elected by acclamation and that the adjutant general cast the unanimous vote of this encampment for his election—Comrade Garrett, of Ohio.

Adjutant General MARTIN. I cast for Dr. Garrett, of Ohio, the unanimous vote for the office of surgeon general, and I hope that he doesn't have anything to do.

Commander in Chief MENNET. In accordance with your instructions the adjutant general has cast the unanimous vote of the membership of this encampment for our comrade, Dr. Garrett, of Ohio, for surgeon general for the year 1938-39.

Now your chaplain in chief. Do we hear any motion for chaplain in chief?

Comrade JOHN W. CARROLL, of North Dakota. North Dakota takes pleasure in nominating the present chaplain in chief, Comrade Stone, for the ensuing year.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Are there any other nominations for chaplain in chief?

Adjutant General MARTIN. Second the nomination.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Are there any other nominations for chaplain in chief? Hearing none——

Comrade MARTIN V. STONE, of New York. I appreciate fully the compliment that you have extended, but I am informed that I am desired to fill another position; and in view of that fact, with your consent, will you allow me to withdraw my name as a nominee for chaplain in chief?

Commander in Chief MENNET. We have to accept that. What will we do about our chaplain in chief? Has anybody any suggestion for our chaplain in chief? Shall we defer that until after lunch? We will receive a motion that we recess.

Comrade LEWIS H. EASTERLY, of Colorado and Wyoming. I place in nomination from Colorado our present department chaplain, Joshua C. Pearce, for the office of chaplain in chief. He is a Colorado man—from Denver.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Comrade J. C. Pearce, a minister of Denver, Colo., is placed in nomination for chaplain in chief for the ensuing year. Are there any other nominations? Be quick. We want to hurry along. Have you any other nominations? If not, I will entertain a motion that the adjutant general cast the vote of this encampment for our Comrade Pearce.

Comrade MARTIN V. STONE, of New York. I move that the rules be suspended and that the adjutant general cast the unanimous ballot.

Comrade JOHN W. CARROLL, of North Dakota. I second that motion.

Commander in Chief MENNET. The motion has been made by Comrade Stone of New York that the adjutant general cast the unanimous vote of this encampment for Comrade J. C. Pearce, of Denver, for chaplain in chief for the ensuing year.

Adjutant General MARTIN. J. C. Pearce, of Colorado and Wyoming, is the unanimous choice for chaplain in chief.

Commander in Chief MENNET. I declare Comrade Pearce duly elected chaplain in chief for the year 1938-39.

Comrade J. S. DUMSER, of California and Nevada. I renew my motion that we now recess.

Secretary FLOOD. May I state that last year through an error a comrade was elected as trustee of the permanent fund who was not eligible, and so Comrade J. King Gibson, of Ohio, was appointed to serve this year by Commander in Chief Mennet. There is now a term of 2 years remaining.

Commander in Chief MENNET. I wonder if Comrade Gibson is in a position to continue to serve.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. He is.

Comrade MARTIN V. STONE, of New York. That being the case, I regard it as a great pleasure to nominate the present incumbent, J. King Gibson, to fill out this term.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Comrade Stone places in nomination J. King Gibson, of Ohio, as trustee of the permanent fund for the remaining 2 years of that term. Are there any other nominations? If not, I will accept a motion that this nomination be accepted by the encampment.

Comrade C. J. ROSE, of Florida. I move that the nomination be closed and that the adjutant general cast the entire vote of this encampment for Comrade Gibson.

Comrade W. W. NIXON of Kansas. Nixon of Kansas supports this motion.

Commander in Chief MENNET. The adjutant general is now instructed by the commander in chief to cast the vote.

Adjutant General MARTIN. I cast the vote for J. King Gibson as a member of the trustees of the permanent fund.

Commander in Chief MENNET. I declare J. King Gibson, of Ohio, elected a trustee of the permanent fund for the ensuing 2 years of the regular term. Is there anything further?

The following nominations by the several departments for members of the council of administration were then read to and confirmed by the encampment:

Department	Name	Address
California and Nevada	Russell C. Martin	Los Angeles.
Colorado and Wyoming	James E. Jewel	Ft. Morgan, Colo.
Connecticut	Edward T. Abbott	Bridgeport.
Florida	C. J. Rose	Miami.
Idaho	George N. Kingsbury	Emmett.
Illinois	Thomas Ambrose	Chicago.
Indiana	Joseph B. Henninger	Indianapolis.
Iowa	T. J. Noll	Grinnell.
Kansas	W. W. Nixon	Jewell.
Kentucky	M. H. Davidson	Louisville.
Maine	John W. Fogler	Skowhegan.
Massachusetts	Edwin H. Lincoln	Pittsfield.
Michigan	A. C. Estabrook	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota	W. C. Fisher	St. Paul.
Missouri	A. J. P. Barnes	Joplin.
Nebraska	John S. Davisson	Omaha.
New Hampshire	Frank E. Amadon	Keene.
New Jersey	William H. McCoy	Trenton.
New York	Frank E. Cooley	Rensselaer.
North Dakota	D. G. Duell	Devils Lake.
Ohio	Sol Zarbaugh	Toledo.
Oregon	T. A. Penland	Portland.
Pennsylvania	C. H. Wm. Ruhe	Pittsburgh.
Rhode Island	Charles H. Bullock	East Providence.
South Dakota	J. W. Cotes	Crandall.
Texas	John Shearer	Houston.
Utah	Ira Stormes	Salt Lake City.
Virginia and North Carolina	Charles Grandy	Norfolk.
Washington and Alaska	D. A. Reams	Seattle.
West Virginia	L. D. Ullom	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	W. P. Bryant	Milwaukee.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Now, comrades, it will not take more than 5 or 10 minutes to complete the business of this encampment. I think that we do not want to come back here after our lunch. We can afford to spend 10 minutes more. So the installation of the officers is now in order. In order to facilitate matters we will have Commander Rownd announce the names of the appointive officers he is ready to appoint and then they can be installed with the elected officers.

Commander in Chief-elect Robert M. Rownd then announced the following appointments:

Adjutant general: Martin V. Stone, of New York.
 Judge advocate general: James W. Willett, of Iowa.
 Inspector general: Thomas Ambrose, of Illinois.
 Patriotic instructor: Truman N. Parsons, of Connecticut.
 Chief of staff: Thomas H. Stritch, of New York.
 Senior aide-de-camp: A. O. Gere, of Kansas.
 Assistant adjutant general: Theodore Wells, of Ohio.
 Executive committee: Russell C. Martin, of California and Nevada; C. H. William Ruhe, of Pennsylvania; and A. C. Estabrook, of Michigan.
 Secretary: Miss Katharine R. A. Flood, of Massachusetts.

(The following officers were then duly installed by Commander in Chief Mennet:)

Commander in chief: Robert M. Rownd, Ripley, N. Y.

Senior vice commander in chief: Frank L. Quade, Dubuque, Iowa.

Junior vice commander in chief: John W. Carroll, Lisbon, N. Dak.

Surgeon general: Dr. A. B. Garrett, Gallipolis, Ohio.

Chaplain in chief: J. C. Pearce, Denver, Colo.

Adjutant general: Martin V. Stone, Jamestown, N. Y.

Judge advocate general: James W. Willett, Tama, Iowa.

Assistant adjutant general: Theodore Wells, Cadiz, Ohio.

Past Commander in Chief Mennet. Comrade Rownd, I present you with the gavel of your office and formally install you into the office, and now declare you fully qualified to perform all the duties thereof.

Commander in Chief Robert M. Rownd. Commander in Chief, I accept this gavel. I will at once proceed to the business for which we have been selected.

What is the next business to come before this encampment? Is there any business that you should bring before this meeting for the consideration of the comrades present?

In view of the fact that there will be a meeting of the new council of administration in this room at 2:30 this afternoon, if there is no further business I declare this encampment closed sine die.

NATIONAL COUNCIL
OF ADMINISTRATION

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION
HELD MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 1938, IN ROOM 920, HOTEL
FORT DES MOINES, DES MOINES, IOWA**

The executive committee of the national council of administration convened at 1:40 p. m., Monday, September 5, 1938, in room 920, Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa, Commander in Chief Overton H. Mennet presiding.

The following additional members of the committee were present:

Adjutant General Russell C. Martin.

Quartermaster General Samuel S. Fowler.

Comrade W. W. Nixon, of Kansas.

Comrade A. C. Estabrook, of Michigan.

Commander in Chief MENNET. I think we might as well call the committee to transact whatever business we have to transact. We will proceed with the business, whatever you have to offer for consideration. What is the order of business that we have here?

Adjutant General MARTIN. The auditing committee has reported, but not to us.

Comrade NIXON. Yes; we reported to headquarters.

Adjutant General MARTIN. We had better have the report of the auditing committee.

Comrade Estabrook then read the following report of the auditing committee:

To the Seventy-second National Encampment, Grand Army of the Republic.

COMRADES: Your committee, appointed to audit the books of Quartermaster General Samuel S. Fowler, have performed that service and are ready to report.

Balance on hand in all funds August 10, 1938, \$3,279.30.

The books are efficiently and comprehensively kept and the Grand Army of the Republic should be congratulated for having such an efficient quartermaster general as Comrade Samuel S. Fowler to do the work.

Respectfully submitted.

A. C. ESTABROOK,
W. W. NIXON,
Committee.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Any remarks? Has anyone any question to ask? Anything that they want to hear? A motion that the report of the committee be accepted will be in order.

Adjutant General MARTIN. I would make the motion that the report of the auditing committee be accepted. This report still goes before the encampment.

Comrade ESTABROOK. Yes; the council of administration.

Adjutant General MARTIN. Because they have to have this report in order to know. This is the report of the auditing committee and they want to know about it. The adjutant general's report is on the membership, and that is not included.

Commander in Chief MENNET. There is a motion before the committee. Is there a second to it?

Comrade NIXON. I will second the motion.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Have you any remarks? Anything to offer? All in favor will signify it by saying "Aye." Contrary, "No." The motion is carried. The committee's report is accepted and approved. Is there anything else to come before the committee?

Adjutant General MARTIN. I don't know. I don't know of anything particularly to come before this committee. The council of administration following us will take up the business, perhaps, if there is anything that we would want to report about. But as I can see it so far, I don't see where we have anything particularly to offer, unless it is something of other business that comes up before this encampment.

Comrade ESTABROOK. Something new.

Adjutant General MARTIN. As an executive committee. Our commander in chief has called the committee on rules and regulations, but they have not been able to have a meeting. They have some quite important business that affects our encampment, but this executive committee cannot act on it because the committee on rules and regulations has not had any meeting. I don't know whether they will have a meeting today or not. So we are just waiting, the way it looks to me.

Comrade ESTABROOK. If we had a report of membership, that is all we could do.

Adjutant General MARTIN. That is for tomorrow at our adjourned meeting. It won't come before this meeting. We have had talk among ourselves, not to take any action of any kind, but I don't know as it would be proper to insert this in these minutes, so far as that is concerned, because it is not official at all.

We are coming to a point now where we will have about \$6,000 in our permanent fund when this encampment is over.

Secretary FLOOD. You will have seven.

Adjutant General MARTIN. Somewhere along there. It don't make any difference. With this \$6,000 and the amount of money that our allies are giving us every year, if we can make certain economies, we will be able to live 3 years. And if we don't, we won't live but 2 years. And it is up to us—that is, all of our comrades—to take some action. But we have been waiting for this rules and regulations committee to start this to begin with, so we can follow it up. But as they have not reported I wanted to speak about it, because it is a very, very vital question to us what we are going to do with these economies. Of course, the budget committee is the council of administration. They are the ones that make the budget. But for all of that, I think that we should think in this meeting and decide, too, as well, and perhaps bring before the encampment rather than before the budget committee just exactly what we would do. And it is a pretty large question.

I have certain ideas, and they don't just agree with our rules and regulations committee—Comrade Ruhe and Comrade Willett—and whether we will get together far enough to make any progress during this year or this meeting I am not sure.

In order to make these economies, or a part of them, I believe that we should have a permanent headquarters, and that we should have

these permanent headquarters in Washington. We have a room there at the headquarters of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War that has been waiting for us for several years, and they would be glad to have us move into this room and occupy it, and it is all ready to walk right in and sit down and go to work. And that will save moving our trunks and baggage and so forth around over the country, and save moving the secretary of the Grand Army of the Republic around over the country, and the freighting of these goods costs quite a good deal of money.

And I have got another idea, that we should cut out the salary of the adjutant general entirely. He is paid \$400 a year now. And I have an idea that we could cut the quartermaster general's salary in two in the middle—reducing it from \$600 to \$300.

Comrade ESTABROOK. He is not getting a very big salary now.

Adjutant General MARTIN. No; that is right. But we haven't any money.

Commander in Chief MENNET. That will have to come before the committee on rules and regulations.

Adjutant General MARTIN. That might all be, but I wanted this committee here—this committee has a good deal of influence; and that we cut the expenses of the commander in chief by \$500—his traveling expenses—and make these economies. If we can do that we will live 3 years, and if we don't do something we don't live. It is just as broad as it is narrow exactly. We know that we have sufficient to go on living on for a time just the same as we have, but here is a line right ahead of you. You can see it just as plain as I can. If you will take these figures that are given you, you can read them just as well as I can or anybody else, and know just exactly where we stand.

And there is a further idea that I would like, and that is that we elect our national secretary for 3 years in this permanent headquarters. I have had those ideas and I have been broaching them. But we may not do all that.

Comrade ESTABROOK. Would you raise the per capita tax?

Adjutant General MARTIN. Yes. Speaking about that, we tried that in St. Paul when we were there, and they voted it down. I think we should raise it. I would say we should raise it to 50 cents per capita. If that was not enough, make it a dollar.

Comrade ESTABROOK. It is 2 cents now.

Adjutant General MARTIN. I wanted to speak about this because I want you comrades here that are the executive committee to know, without perhaps examining these accounts as you would like to, that we are right at the end of our string.

Comrade ESTABROOK. I can realize that.

Adjutant General MARTIN. And we have got to do something—not what I am saying we ought to do, but whatever we can do that will help us.

Comrade ESTABROOK. When will the rules committee have a meeting?

Secretary FLOOD. There are only three of them here.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Is there a quorum here?

Secretary FLOOD. There are three of them here. That is a quorum.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Can we get them together?

Secretary FLOOD. We have. They all have a different idea.

Commander in Chief MENNET. We will have to get them together and get their report. That is all.

Adjutant General MARTIN. I am not reporting what Comrade Ruhe said, because I could not give you what he said, but his ideas were that he didn't hardly think that we should in a way have permanent headquarters; there might be some way of getting around it that would be better, and he brought up an idea—I don't think it was Comrade Ruhe's—it was somebody else—that all there was to the commander in chief's office was the headquarters, and when you take the headquarters away from the commander in chief he didn't amount to shucks. He had lost all the honor in his own village or city, and he just didn't amount to anything. That is another argument. You see what I mean—and whether the time has arrived.

Comrade Willett thinks that we should appoint a committee and let them worry over and grind over this for another year. To me a committee is the most inefficient way that you could possibly think of. When you appoint a committee they are done. They don't care anything about it.

So that I just wanted to bring these thoughts to you to have you think about them, because that is the dead line that we have got ahead of us and we cannot move. This line is not going to move ahead of 3 years under any circumstances with these economies.

Quartermaster General FOWLER. Commander, may I tell them something about the situation in Philadelphia now?

Commander in Chief MENNET. You may.

Quartermaster General FOWLER. We have had a room there for many, many years without any charge. Some time ago they came and said they thought they might need that room. So we were a little alarmed. But recently the officer came in and said, "Never mind about the room." But that is not definite. That officer may be changed. It is very uncertain—our situation there. I would regard it as such. I don't know as there is anything further I could say in regard to this.

Secretary FLOOD. I will tell you the situation. Miss Wise has been the secretary there for a great many years for Pennsylvania and kept the books of Quartermaster General Town. Now she is out of the office. She has issued all the supplies, the national supplies, for the quartermaster general. She is out. Our supplies are still in that office and there will be no one to handle them or to keep the books for the quartermaster general, and it is a situation that needs some looking into. If they order that office vacated there are all of the national supplies there. Whether you want to keep them at national headquarters and have them issued from there is something, but that means moving them every year with the rest of the stuff.

Comrade ESTABROOK. Could that office be removed to this permanent office you speak about?

Secretary FLOOD. Yes; it could. That is what Comrade Jewel had in mind and why he was so anxious to come. They told me last night he had come in. They just told me he has not. So he was not able to come. But he wrote a letter to Colonel Martin telling him what he thought ought to be done about moving the headquarters and keeping the quartermaster general to sign checks and that kind of thing, and approve the accounts, but having all supplies and the

books kept at the national headquarters by the secretary. That was his idea.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Has this committee jurisdiction in this case?

Secretary FLOOD. They can make recommendations.

Commander in Chief MENNET. We make recommendations to the rules and regulations committee?

Secretary FLOOD. Yes.

Commander in Chief MENNET. You have heard the statements of the colonel and our Quartermaster General Fowler and Miss Flood. What will we do? What have you to offer? Any questions? Any remarks from anybody?

Comrade ESTABROOK. Commander in Chief, from the statement that the adjutant general has made I would corroborate everything he said regarding economy and the moving of the headquarters where we will have it permanent. But I wanted to ask this question. The permanent fund, what have we; is that the \$6,000?

Secretary FLOOD. Seven thousand.

Comrade ESTABROOK. That is all we have? The quartermaster's balance and the whole business; that is all we have. I would favor—of course, this is not going any further, but I would favor raising that per capita tax quite a considerable in order to help pay expenses, and in cutting off some of this salary.

Secretary FLOOD. If you cut that expense you won't have to draw so much from your permanent fund, and you can count on about 5 years instead of 3 if you do cut your expenses.

Comrade ESTABROOK. The per capita tax would help considerably.

Secretary FLOOD. That would help some. Of course, we will be down to 2,000 members.

Commander in Chief MENNET. What is your recommendation as to the per capita tax?

Comrade ESTABROOK. Instead of 2 cents per member I would make it 25 or 30. I wouldn't really want to go up to 50 cents. Some of the departments are quite poor. Michigan is not very poor. I would rather have it 30 cents than have it bigger.

Commander in Chief MENNET. It will give you \$60.

Comrade ESTABROOK. That is not very much, is it? Our membership is getting so the per capita tax doesn't amount to much. It would help some. Every little helps. If anyone is in favor of it higher, I would join them in it.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Comrade Nixon, what have you got to say?

Comrade NIXON. Well, I would be in favor of any way we could raise some money, as far as that goes. This per capita tax is not going to raise you very much money.

Adjutant General MARTIN. Not very much. We have only a few members.

Secretary FLOOD. A telegram from Mrs. Jewel to Colonel Martin. [Reading telegram just delivered to her by messenger.]

Kept grips packed until Sunday night. Unpack today. This attack was serious but is not final. If you return through Denver, please stop here. Extend our greetings to all orders. Give Mrs. Kothe our personal love and best wishes for her convention.

MARY S. JEWEL.

Adjutant General MARTIN. Comrade Jewel wanted to do just what we have been talking, because he has written it.

Secretary FLOOD. The letter she wrote here to you the other day stated if you wanted his vote he would send it to you by letter or wire if it would be considered, but, of course, it would not.

Commander in Chief MENNET. This is a recommendation to the rules and regulations committee entirely, and whatever amount of per capita tax we decide and finally want to make, it is simply a recommendation. What do you think, Comrade Nixon, in regard to the per capita tax?

Comrade NIXON. It would be all right with me, as Comrade Estabrook says, as far as it goes, but it is not going to raise very much money.

Comrade ESTABROOK. It won't make very much difference, but it will help some.

Secretary FLOOD. Hasn't the commander in chief a right to fill vacancies on his committee on rules and regulations? Haven't you a right to fill those two vacancies for those two absentees? They have done it at other times.

Commander in Chief MENNET. I doubt if it is really proper.

Secretary FLOOD. They are your appointees. They are not standing committees; they are your appointees.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Then I should think I would have a right to fill the vacancies, if they are my appointees.

Secretary FLOOD. The committee is Comrades Ruhe, Willett, Martin, Foster, and Jewel. Foster and Jewel are not here. That is a Massachusetts man and a Colorado man.

Commander in Chief MENNET (after some discussion with members of the committee as to available persons). We will appoint Department Commander John E. Andrew, of Illinois, for one. We will have Andrew and Past Senior Vice Commander in Chief Edwin H. Lincoln, of Massachusetts. That settles that part of it. Now, we recommend certain things to go before that committee, simply recommendations from this committee. Now, is there anything further under "new business" that you think of? Anybody anything to offer?

Adjutant General MARTIN. Commander, there is a little question there. Now, what we have suggested and recommended would need to go before our council of administration, too.

Secretary FLOOD. No; it did not in 1932 when they made all those changes. Those recommendations of the executive committee went to the new council. They did not go to the old council. The executive committee considered a budget and then referred it to the incoming council. But you are referring it to the committee on rules and regulations.

Adjutant General MARTIN. This rules and regulations committee is called more particularly on these suggestions that are being made, as to just what effect it would have on our rules and regulations to carry out these projects.

Secretary FLOOD. That is why you refer them.

Adjutant General MARTIN. That is why we called this rules and regulations committee to prepare for whatever economies, or something that would affect our rules and regulations. And this rules and

regulations committee doesn't have any authority to carry this out unless it would be some rules that were being changed.

Secretary FLOOD. They can put it into the rules and regulations, and there is nothing to prevent it.

Adjutant General MARTIN. Not at all.

Commander in Chief MENNET. What hour shall we call this rules and regulations committee?

Secretary FLOOD. I don't see how they can meet before tomorrow. You will have to see the chairman and see what his plans are for that. That is Comrade Ruhe. In the morning you are all going to be busy. You want to attend that meeting.

Commander in Chief MENNET. I will delegate the adjutant general to see Comrade Ruhe, and you can report to me.

Secretary FLOOD. I think tomorrow afternoon possibly at 1:30.

Commander in Chief MENNET. If it is satisfactory to him we will say tomorrow afternoon. You report to him if it is satisfactory to him we will have a meeting at 1:30 tomorrow in room 920. You will notify Andrew and Lincoln.

Secretary FLOOD. I will notify Comrade Ruhe in writing of their appointment.

Commander in Chief MENNET. We don't intend to say anything to Andrew and Lincoln as to how they feel on any subject, so they are going in with open minds.

If there is nothing else to come before this committee we will stand adjourned or recess until called. (2:15 p. m.)

**MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF
ADMINISTRATION HELD ON MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5,
1938, IN THE SOUTH BALLROOM OF THE HOTEL FORT
DES MOINES, DES MOINES, IOWA**

The national council of administration convened at 2:20 p. m., Monday, September 5, 1938, in the south ballroom of the Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa, Commander in Chief Overton H. Mennet presiding.

In addition to the commander in chief the following members of the council were present:

Adj. Gen. Russell C. Martin.
Q. M. Gen. Samuel S. Fowler.
Judge Adv. Gen. James W. Willett.
Comrade Thomas Ambrose, of Illinois.
Comrade Edward H. Cowan, of Indiana.
Comrade Thomas J. Noll, of Iowa.
Comrade W. W. Nixon, of Kansas.
Comrade M. H. Davidson, of Kentucky.
Comrade John W. Fogler, of Maine.
Comrade Joseph T. Stoddard, of Massachusetts.
Comrade A. C. Estabrook, of Michigan.
Comrade A. J. P. Barnes, of Missouri.
Comrade D. G. Duell, of North Dakota.
Comrade C. H. William Ruhe, of Pennsylvania.
Comrade John Shearer, of Texas.
Comrade Ira Stormes, of Utah.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Having a quorum, we are ready for the transaction of business. What have you to offer to come before this council of administration? Anybody anything to offer to this meeting?

Comrade WILLETT. I wish to settle the question with Your Honor whether I am a member of this council. When you started upstairs a little bit ago you said I was not. Now then I would like to know how you regard it. If I am not a member of this council of administration along with the other officers, I want to retire. But you are the doctor.

Commander in Chief MENNET. We accept you as a member of the council.

Comrade WILLETT. Very well then.

Commander in Chief MENNET. I think that Comrade Nixon or Comrade Estabrook should make his report to the council.

Comrade Estabrook then read the report of the auditing committee which appears as a part of the proceedings of the executive committee on page 117 of this journal.

Commander in Chief MENNET. You have heard the report of the auditing committee. What is your pleasure?

Comrade FOGLER. I move it be adopted. (Motion seconded by Adjutant General Martin.)

Commander in Chief MENNET. It has been moved and seconded that this report be accepted. Are you ready for the question? Any remarks? Hearing none, I will put the question. All in favor of accepting this report will signify it by saying "Aye." Contrary, "No." The ayes have it. So ordered.

That seems to get through with our regular business. Has anyone anything special? Any new business to offer? Any new suggestions? We are ready to receive them, if there are any. Any of you anything to offer? Comrade Martin, have you anything to offer this committee?

Adjutant General MARTIN. Commander in Chief, I don't know that we have particularly. This council of administration is going out of existence and does not have any particular authority for anything they may do, excepting recommendations, and I don't know just where recommendations would reach that would do us any particular good. I should think there might be some here that might have some ideas that they would like to talk about, perhaps as recommendations or something of that kind. But they don't carry any weight, only to carry them over to the new council of administration. That is all. It is the business council of the Grand Army. I thank you, but I don't know of anything.

Commander in Chief MENNET. You have heard the remarks of Comrade Martin. Are there any further remarks? Comrade Ruhe?

Comrade RUHE. Nothing at present.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Comrade Willett, have you anything to offer this council before we adjourn?

Comrade WILLETT. No, if Your Honor please, I have not, and if an apology is required for sitting in this seat, I have a defense this morning that I had to. I came over here because it was vacant.

Commander in Chief MENNET. You are accepted, Judge Willett.

Comrade SHEARER. I represent the State of Texas, and I have been holding it together for 5 years. We have 7 members. At one time we had 1,500. And I am the only man that can get out and get around. I don't know what they are going to do. It has never cost them one nickel. Now you Grand Army men in the North don't know anything about what it costs to be a Grand Army man in Texas. Now I would just like to know what we are going to do. If you fellows will stick to it till the last, I will.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Sure.

Comrade SHEARER. That is my sentiment. The Woman's Relief Corps and the Daughters of Union Veterans are helping us, and by their cooperation that is why we have stayed in existence as long as we have. But we pay no dues, and what it has kept to hold them together I am holding them together. You know I am a Scotchman. You understand that is why I am living today. It costs too much to die. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief MENNET. I think the comrade's stand is well taken. Has anybody any reply that they want to make for the comrade? Is there anything further to come before this committee? It seems that we have transacted our official business and we are ready for adjournment, if nobody has anything to offer for the good of this order and for the good of the committee. Don't all speak at once. I would like to hear one of you at a time.

Comrade AMBROSE. I listened with interest to the talk of our comrade from Texas. I have heard it said, you know, by a man that if he owned hell and Texas, he would rent one and live in the other place. I am not going to say which place.

Comrade SHEARER. That is a mistake.

Comrade AMBROSE. But I would like to know how he knows it is so expensive to die if he has never had the experience [laughter].

Commander in Chief MENNET. Can anybody tell Comrade Ambrose? He is anxious to know. He wants to know.

Comrade SHEARER. Well, you know it costs a good deal. When I was a young man they could bury a man for \$25 or \$30, and I have seen thousands of them buried for nothing. And, of course, it is expensive. And you know how the Scotch are. We are very frugal in our habits, and careful, and we always cast an anchor to the windward. Consequently, we are never caught.

Comrade BARNES. Will you allow me about a minute or 2 minutes to talk?

Commander in Chief MENNET. Yes. Comrade Barnes, you have the floor.

Comrade BARNES. I want to answer this gentleman about it costing him so much to live. The question is often asked, "Why don't you Grand Army boys quit? Why don't you get out of the way and let the young people do all this work?" Now if you will allow me just about 2 or 3 minutes I will answer that question. There is a poem—you have probably heard it—The Builder—but it is applicable on this occasion:

An old man, traveling a lone highway,
Came, at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast, and deep, and wide,
The old man crossed in the twilight dim;
The sullen stream had no fear for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side,
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near,
"You're wasting your strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the close of day;
You never again will pass this way;
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide,
Why build you this bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his gray old head:
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
That surging stream that had no fears for me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim;
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

I thank you, Commander. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief MENNET. I thank you, Comrade Barnes. If there is no further business to come before the meeting, a motion to adjourn will be in order.

Comrade ESTABROOK. If there is nothing further to come before the meeting, I move we adjourn.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Do I hear a second? (Motion seconded.) You have heard the motion, properly supported. All in favor of this motion signify it by saying "Aye." Contrary, "No." It is so ordered. We are adjourned subject to call of the commander in chief. [2:40 p. m.]

MINUTES OF MEETING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION HELD IN THE BALLROOM OF THE HOTEL FORT DES MOINES, DES MOINES, IOWA, THURS- DAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 1938

The new council of administration met pursuant to the call of the commander in chief in the ballroom of the Hotel Fort Des Moines, Des Moines, Iowa, Thursday, September 8, 1938. The meeting was called to order by the commander in chief at 2:30 p. m., and upon roll call the following members were found to be in attendance:

Commander in Chief Robert M. Rownd, Ripley, N. Y.

Senior Vice Commander in Chief Frank L. Quade, Dubuque, Iowa.

Junior Vice Commander in Chief J. W. Carroll, Lisbon, N. Dak.

Surg. Gen. A. B. Garrett, Gallipolis, Ohio.

Adj. Gen. Martin V. Stone, Jamestown, N. Y.

Judge Adv. Gen. James W. Willett, Tama, Iowa.

Comrade Russell C. Martin, of California and Nevada.

Comrade C. J. Rose, of Florida.

Comrade George N. Kingsbury, of Idaho.

Comrade Thomas Ambrose, of Illinois.

Comrade Joseph B. Henninger, of Indiana.

Comrade W. W. Nixon, of Kansas.

Comrade M. H. Davidson, of Kentucky.

Comrade Edwin H. Lincoln, of Massachusetts.

Comrade A. C. Estabrook, of Michigan.

Comrade D. G. Duell, of North Dakota.

Comrade Sol Zarbaugh, of Ohio.

Comrade C. H. William Ruhe, of Pennsylvania.

Comrade Rustan O. Reed, of Washington and Alaska.

Commander in Chief ROWND. The council of administration will please come to order. We will proceed at once to the business that is before us. (Roll call.)

Comrades, we are here for a specific purpose of very important business associated with the life of our organization, and as we have no program we want to take up first the matter of finances for the ensuing year. In view of the fact that you, Brother Ruhe, and the judge advocate, are the best-informed men and have introduced resolutions that have a bearing on the meeting this afternoon, I wish Comrade Ruhe and you as a past commander in chief would make such statement for our information so that we can take intelligent action on this condition.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. One of the first statements that is always made in business transactions is the absolute resources at

the command of the institution, and that, I think, is the necessity of this institution, to know just exactly what the means are that are at your command. There is only one factor that I am not conversant with. I did not hear the report of the quartermaster general, and I have no idea of the amount of the fund in his hands. It cannot be very large. That I know. But your resources have been fixed by the legislation and by the donations.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Will you be kind enough to make known to us just what the figures are, so that we can act upon them?

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. I can absolutely tell you the amount of money you are going to get from the permanent fund. That was decided on in the meeting of the encampment this morning. That is \$2,500. That is all that can be transferred from the permanent fund, so-called. That is the amount that will be transferred from the permanent fund to the quartermaster general toward the expenses of the fiscal year. There is no segregation of any income or anything. That was all put together. And in the legislation from that total amount there shall be paid to the quartermaster general toward the expenses of the fiscal year \$2,500. Now, in addition to the small balance that the quartermaster general may have had, there were contributions at the semiofficial meeting of \$2,500. That, added to the amount from the permanent fund, will make your resources \$5,000. Now, the expenditures will have to be cut according to that amount. That is all we will have to go on. And I do not have a list of those expenditures, and I don't believe I ever heard a complete one put together. I heard them gone through seriatim at the meeting where I was chosen commander in chief, and that is as much as I know about it. That, I think, we ought to get from the secretary's office in some shape as to what the amount of the allotment was for each purpose, and that we will have to consider and limit to the amount of \$5,000.

Miss KATHARINE R. A. FLOOD, secretary to the Grand Army of the Republic. The donations were \$2,500, and there was \$101.78 left in the general fund.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. We have \$5,101.78 at our disposal for the fiscal year.

Miss FLOOD. Does that exclude interest accrued?

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. There is no accrued interest or anything else. It all belongs to the permanent fund. The resolution or recommendation said that the amount of securities amounts to so much. The balance in the checking account of the permanent fund was six-hundred-and-some dollars. That, together with the income and the premiums derived from the sale of the necessary securities, from that total there shall be paid to the quartermaster general toward the expenses the sum of \$2,500. There is no separation there. Everything goes to the general fund now.

Commander in Chief ROWND. That conveys the impression that you have \$5,000 at your disposal.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. \$5,101.78 is what we will have.

Commander in Chief ROWND. What were the total expenditures of the organization last year? Then we will know.

Miss FLOOD. I will have to get the report.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. We want a list of them, and we will arrange it accordingly.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Comrade Willett, have you anything to suggest in addition to the information that we have obtained?

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. I want to have a conference with the commander in chief before I have anything to say.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Does that eliminate the traveling expense of \$1,500?

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. I don't know just what we will be able to do.

Commander in Chief ROWND. You have reduced the amount to \$2,500. That is \$1,500 short of previous appropriations.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. I don't know what the previous appropriation was.

Commander in Chief ROWND. \$4,000. That is the amount.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. You mean the amount that was transferred from the permanent fund. The law required a transfer of \$4,000, and then there was a provision that the interest income should be paid over to the quartermaster general. That is eliminated now, and instead of the \$4,000 we have \$2,500. So it is \$1,500 less, but that is compensated to the extent of \$500 because we received a contribution from the auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans which we did not receive last year to my personal knowledge.

Miss FLOOD. Your year is the only one. Supplies last year were \$33.26; travel, \$2,216.55; salaries, \$2,800; expenses, \$1,502.32; total, \$6,552.13.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Is that segregated as far as travel?

Miss FLOOD. Fifteen hundred was the commander in chief. One thing that brought that up was the transfer of the supplies and myself to California from Pittsburgh. That was an item. And then the executive committee's meeting in Des Moines. Of course, that meant my expense from California to the meeting again.

Commander in Chief ROWND. How much did that require—an expenditure of \$300 every time they move the supplies?

Miss FLOOD. Yes. There is no way of getting a rate, because they would not give us any.

Commander in Chief ROWND. There is an excess of over a thousand dollars. How are we going to provide for that if the commander in chief expects to do the amount of traveling that has been done by his predecessors?

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. I can speak from experience of the year before, the conditions that I found at that time. Of course, I could not say anything immediately to my successor, because he would want to enjoy all the privileges of the year before. But I would say this, if I had it to do over again at any time I would limit that very, very much, because there is no necessity.

Commander in Chief ROWND. I would limit it to less than a thousand dollars.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Oh, yes. There is no necessity for it, no necessity whatever.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. This is quite a big proposition in some ways and in some ways it is not—it may not be so delicate. For this last year and for several years we have had \$4,000 from the permanent fund. Now we have reduced that \$1,500. We are going to have \$2,500 instead of \$4,000 to work on, and we get these other gifts

to us just the same this year as we have the years before. There is no use figuring these small amounts, because we don't know what will happen to us. But there is about \$1,500 there that in some way, if possible, can be saved, and one thing is in the economy of travel, changing your secretary. This last year there was the adjutant general. I don't think that the adjutant general should be given any salary at all. His work is not sufficient.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Did you get any salary?

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. Yes; I got \$400 a year, \$33 a month, and I paid carfare. I liked it very much, of course. But we are getting to the point now where we have to save. We haven't got the money. That is all there is to it. And there are these supernumeraries that have got to be cut off, and that is where we will make quite a big saving.

Commander in Chief ROWND. You must recognize that the new adjutant general is going to have plenty to do. I am going to have very little. I am willing to suffer. Whatever the difference is between the \$1,500 and the thousand will be taken care of.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Allow me to inject here that you are very much in error when you say the adjutant general is going to have a whole lot to do—very much in error. During the year that I was commander in chief, sometimes I did not see my adjutant general for 2 weeks. We only called upon him when we needed him. Once I did not see him for 3 months.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. It is up to the commander in chief to say where these economies will come in. It is in his conduct of the office, and so forth, that these little costs come in that total up at the end of the year quite a large sum. Keep these small. So it seems to me quite a lot of these economies can be carried out that way, because you cannot tell what they will be or what they will come to. So it is up to him to make such economies as he can, since the work has got down anyhow. This question of salaries I think, as we are getting so few, is quite a point to reduce them.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Well, I recognize this board as an intelligent business organization, and I think that we will be able to work out the difference between the \$2,500 and the \$4,000. I really haven't any suggestions to make, but I will be very glad to hear from the others.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Let's try and put the scenery in shape.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Suppose you make a motion.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. I don't want any motion. First I want to get some essentials. Comrade Martin is here, and I think he and I can work out something together here because we have no scheduled budget of any kind of the various items of expenditures. I want to get at the suggestions he has made himself.

Commander in Chief ROWND. We will depart then entirely from parliamentary rules and you make your statement, and then you can present something for discussion.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. I beg your pardon, Commander, but this is not for any action. It is simply to try and supply something which we should have had here, and that is an itemized list of all the expenditures, and we haven't got it. And I am trying to work this thing out with the previous adjutant general who can give me

the items. It is not for action until it is submitted to you and to the body.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. They are all in the annual report.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. I have not seen it, and I could not read it if I did see it. Let's have it in some shape.

Miss FLOOD. Here is every voucher drawn.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Have you your distribution of the amounts under the different headings?

Miss FLOOD. Supplies so much, travel, salaries, general office expenses. That was printing, postage, telegrams, and telephone.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. That don't mean anything when it is put together that way. But then whenever we get to the various items—in all budget hearings the items have to be submitted to know what they are. If you come to travel it shows whose travel and what travel and what for. That is all listed. And when it comes to salaries it is who the party is and what it is for, and that is what I am trying to get at. The adjutant general made the statement here that he didn't think the adjutant general ought to have any salary. There would be a \$400 item that would be saved right there. I agree with him because I know just exactly what is done under those circumstances.

Miss FLOOD. The salaries last year were \$1,800 for the secretary, \$400 for the adjutant general, and \$600 for the quartermaster general, making \$2,800.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. We have \$400, \$600, and \$1,800. In every other institution, just the same as here—the adjutant general says he don't think there is any necessity for any salary. I think that is correct, too, because I know just exactly what he has had to do. It comes to the quartermaster and the question is, Can we confer with him? Is he present?

Miss FLOOD. He is not appointed yet.

Commander in Chief ROWND. The other positions have been filled, with that single exception.

Miss FLOOD. This had to enter into the subject.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Suppose we say under the circumstances the \$400 has been cut off. Here is an expenditure of \$600. There is very little additional to be done there than there was in the other, with this exception. Whoever is appointed will have to be a man of some standing in some community so that security can be given in relation thereto, and, of course, he will have to have some clerical help because probably, if he cannot do it himself, in order to issue the necessary warrants or checks, or whatever is required, to pay the bills. That is merely nominal. The expenditure of a few hundred dollars at the outset will cover that whole thing.

Commander in Chief ROWND. I want you to realize this fact, that we have an adjutant general, one of the most popular men in our organization. That is Comrade Stone. We don't hold a convention of any kind anywhere but he is invited, and he is always very gracious to respond. He is a man of ability and he is popular, with the women especially. I would think it would be a very gracious thing on our part to make provision, in a reasonable amount, for what he might require for that purpose. I did not consult him at all previous to his appointment, knowing his predecessor was receiving \$400.

Whether he would give any consideration to it at all unless the salary were retained, Comrade Stone, if he were here, would fully understand the situation.

Adjutant General STONE. I am not getting what you are saying. I did not get what you were speaking of. What was the question?

Commander in Chief ROWND. We have under consideration the financial situation. There is an appropriation of \$1,500 less than the previous year, and they are talking about cutting salaries of some of those that have been paid salaries for years, and the question is, What feeling do you have about it? What amount would you require to carry on the work that you have been doing connected with the Grand Army of the Republic?

Adjutant General STONE. I can answer readily so far as that is concerned. I have paid my own expenses everywhere with the exception I have received the courtesies of the staff at the places where we have stopped. Otherwise through all the years of my life, except during the period that in my own department there was an assigned salary for certain officers, and I happened to hold one of the offices part of the time, and I received the magnificent sum of \$50 for my postage expense and spent over \$100.

I want to say this: I want it plainly understood that I am not in any place where I am looking after salaries, nor am I concerned about them. I have been able some way thus far. If this is the time when those who have served some little time feel that the conditions of the treasury are such that there must be a cut in salary, if it begins here, why I am not going to back out and say I am going to quit or anything of the kind, but I think I should make this simple statement since I am on my feet.

I think it is well that there be a consideration of those who have special duties to perform here or there or any time, that when called upon for the good of the order or by authority from headquarters, I think it is well that any man or any woman going out on any duty from headquarters for the order, for the organization, that is not extravagant, have their ordinary daily and transportation expenses provided for out of the treasury. But so far as the matter of a salary is concerned, I have tried for some little time to live within whatever I have received. Have I answered the question?

Commander in Chief ROWND. Yes; that is a very intelligent answer to my query. Now, comrades, we know how to dispose of that. Judge Willett, now give us such information as you possess and such recommendations as occur to you.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. It is absolutely necessary to make an inventory and to make a determination where the money is to come from for the payment of the expenses of the current administration that you have just entered into, and in furtherance of that we passed a resolution authorizing the appointment of a committee of three to investigate the entire financial and patriotic position and condition of the affairs of the Grand Army of the Republic preparatory to the action that might be required to place us in a position where we could reduce the expenses and still conduct the affairs of the society and organization. That was the point with me. I think it can be done, but it has got to be done efficiently, judiciously, and in harmony with the incorporation law of the organization. And this is neither the time nor place because mat-

ters ought to be investigated by that committee of three that are to be appointed and report made to you, and a thorough examination made and finding out, with the organizations that have been helping us, how much is the extreme that we could depend upon to get by. And there are one or two organizations that are profiting by us that don't contribute a penny to our procedure. And that was the point that I wanted to talk over with you. It is a matter that you cannot publicly proclaim now without investigating the facts.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Well then it resolves itself to this condition, that provision has been made for the appointment of a committee of three. How is that committee to be appointed, and who by?

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. By you.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Well, I have authority to appoint it right away, haven't I?

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Yes, sir.

Commander in Chief ROWND. I will appoint that committee at once. With my information concerning the resources of that committee I am convinced that I can never make the appointment of a better committee and be more pleasing to those people, because it is the financial situation—men of trained mind that know just what to do with it, and the best thing I could do would be to reappoint that committee to take charge, and I will be ready to entertain a motion to that effect.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. There is not any committee appointed.

Commander in Chief ROWND. I am appointing you right now.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. This young lady has got all of the figures that you want. You don't have to have a committee to work out those figures because they are right before you.

Commander in Chief ROWND. It is not to work out those. It is something broader than that. It embraces the entire program with our varied organizations.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. We are talking now about here, right now. We have got to act right now. The committee will act. What we want to settle is what we are going to do this year, right now.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Couldn't we appoint that committee now and let them act?

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. No; because we won't get together again.

Miss FLOOD. That committee is for the next encampment.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. Your idea of a committee, and the judge's, is for the future, for next year or some other year. We have got all these figures that we have got to use for this thing right here before us now.

Commander in Chief ROWND. The question for us to consider is whether these salaries shall be reduced—the salaries cut of those who have been receiving salaries.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. The committee I was suggesting would have nothing to do with the expenses of this year.

Commander in Chief ROWND. I understand.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. They are to lay the foundation of the further procedure of the organization and its probable expense and maintenance down to the time of its final departure, and that must be done, because we haven't got a foundation to bank on.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Then we will eliminate that part of it from consideration entirely and take up this other subject.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Yes; it does not follow that it should be appointed now. This meeting is for the current expense, and the other is a matter for you and your administration, and I wanted to communicate with you in regard to it.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. Our adjutant general spoke about having a per diem or some form of payment whenever you are ordered to go on some work for the Grand Army of the Republic. Well now, many years ago we cut that all out. If the junior vice commander in chief is in Kansas and is asked by the commander in chief to attend an encampment in an adjoining department, or two departments, if he accepts that he has got to pay his own expenses. He is on his own. So we are going all the time on our own, and this expense business comes right down to our own right now—what we are going to do with it. And as I said before, I believe that the commander in chief for a portion of this economy can work it out during the year; that is, it might require not too heavy a cut in salaries, but in general expenses, and so forth. But just what the expenses will be, you cannot tell what they would be because you don't know what you will be called on to do—go to Washington or go somewhere else—or someone else. That is an emergency that you would want to take care of. So you can't always tell just what the expenses will be.

Commander in Chief ROWND. As far as the commander in chief is concerned, whatever appropriation you make for my benefit there will only be the amount that is actually required to be used, and anything in excess of the appropriation—

Adjutant General STONE. If I may clarify just a statement. There seems to be a misunderstanding. So far as substitution, taking another officers' place, I was not thinking of it at all. But suppose certain comrades of the organization are ordered some place for the organization, in some of our eastern departments under such circumstances those who are chosen for such service keep an itemized account of what they pay for car fare, what they pay for food, and so on, and that comes before an auditing committee of whatever department may be served at the time, and that auditing committee decide what compensation should be returned for one who performed the offices where they had been sent—not to accommodate any particular officer or to give them a little bit of an excursion, but when they have gone on a specific service for the organization itself then they keep that itemized account of the expenses and let it be audited by the auditing committee of the organization. I was referring to that when I referred to the return of expenses, and I just ask the privilege of the statement that I might clarify it.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. I don't want to use this time because we have got so many things to think of here. The commander in chief is not required to call five of his executive committee or some other committee, perhaps, to take with him going here and there.

He may be able to get along with less. You can add expense in different ways. I don't think we were doing it, but it is easily done. And I know this, before you were elected you were taught, every move you made, that you were thinking about economy. I know you would not do anything of that kind which hadn't ought to be done.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Well now, the query I want to put to you is just a little bit personal, but the \$400 that was appropriated for your use, what amount of that was used?

Miss FLOOD. That was salary. He kept it.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. I don't smoke. I don't drink either.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Well, make an appropriation of a certain amount, not exceeding a certain amount, for the expenses of the adjutant general. Couldn't we do that, Comrade Ruhe?

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Commander in Chief, what we want is to first find out—and we have already found it out—what are our resources. Then the next item we want to take up is what have been the expenses for the past year. And then take the resources of \$5,000 and see how much can be cut off the previous year's expenses to get down to that \$5,000. That is the way a budget is made all over the world. We know that we have \$5,101.78 and not a cent more. What have been the expenses the last year, the total?

Commander in Chief ROWND. The total was 6,500 and some dollars.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Now we have \$5,101.78 and this total expenses of \$6,500. How can we cut down the 14? If we take off the salary of the adjutant general that is \$400. I know from past experience that that can be used that way. That can be done. The adjutant general has no duties of that kind to perform that would require travel or anything of that kind. All he needs to do is to sign the documents that are prepared in the office. That is all there is to it. He is even sent a stamped envelope addressed to headquarters for him to return. He hasn't a cent of expense for postage except for his own accord.

Commander in Chief ROWND. How are you going to begin on that? Do you want my recommendation?

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. I want to now just take a moment in the reductions we could make. We have got to find a reduction of \$1,400, so as to get a budget the same as other people do, the same as a city does, a borough, a hamlet. Now we will take the \$400. We will go to the quartermaster general. I have just about forgotten—I did know. About how many checks do you issue? We used to issue from three to five every month. That was about all. Some of those are cut out now.

Miss FLOOD. Sixty-four this year.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Five per month. All right, that is all he had to do in God Almighty's world except to make a deposit, when he gets it, from the permanent fund, or when he gets it at the beginning of the year from the contributions, and he has to issue these checks.

Miss FLOOD. He has to keep books and issue supplies.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Yes; I understand that, but there is a revenue from that source. (No.) But we will say now the present salary is \$600, isn't it? I appointed the quartermaster when the former quartermaster died, and I had an understanding

with him for a specific purpose. But that time has expired and the present commander in chief is the man that appoints that quartermaster general, and here is the time now we are to make a regulation. Now, I will say that \$600 should be cut down to \$100. That will pay for all the bookkeeping and everything else to enter the five checks and enter the deposits. It can all be done in about 10 minutes, and this bookkeeping—oh, well, allow him 2 hours. I would suggest that you make a memorandum cutting that down to \$100. So that will make \$500 more. That makes \$900 of the \$1,400.

There is another thing that I want to get at. For instance now, we have the commander in chief who has heretofore received \$1,500. I received the year before last \$1,500 which I have not altogether expended yet. But I am devoting it to the Grand Army, not to myself personally. And I will tell you why. I know of a certain case where it is just like we had a permanent fund, and so forth, and when all the money was spent they had to wait until they got donations at the encampment and then the back debts were paid. And when the man died, why the money was gone and the securities were sold and everything else, and everything was left over, and I had to assume the responsibility and pledge myself, to be right before the department, that I would finance the institution and keep it going. You see those are legacies that we are getting privately. And as far as expenditures were concerned of representing the commander in chief, those things were cut off some time ago. But I just want to remind you that over 20 years I received appointments of that kind, and I never got a cent from the Grand Army of the Republic, nor I didn't ask it.

Now we have got \$400 and another suggestion of \$500. That is \$900. Now I want the commander in chief's opinion right here. Is he willing to see that that appropriation of \$1,500 is cut to \$1,200? I don't say that he needs to use that. That is at his own option. That would add \$300 more to that then.

Commander in Chief ROWND. No; I think you better reduce it to less than \$1,200.

You fix it at a thousand dollars. There is a \$500 saving there.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. That is \$1,400. Now, I am going to get right close to home, but it is not a question of what a person wants to do. I always like to see everybody as well paid for everything that is necessary as possible, but when you haven't got the means, I think it is a crime to go to work to pay anything when you don't know that you are going to have the receipts to do it with. Now we have a secretary's salary of \$1,800.

Miss FLOOD. Let me go while you are talking about that.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. No.

Miss FLOOD. I would rather go.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. That is all right. That was the salary years ago when we had thousands of members at an encampment, you might say. Now we are down to hundreds. As far as the work is concerned, I know what that is. I don't say that every officer will be in the same position that I was, or anything of the kind, because those affairs were just as familiar to me as anything that I ever did in my life, because I had a lifetime of experience of it.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. I would not vote for that at all.

Commander in Chief ROWND. No; I would not want that.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. You don't need to vote for it.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. We are not obliged to cut down working girls' wages.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. We are trying to compare our expenses with the money that we have got at our disposal.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. We are not doing it in cutting her salary.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Then you suggest a way that is all right.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. We have got it right now. We have worked it out here.

Commander in Chief ROWND. In my experience and observation salaries have never been based upon the amount of work that a person does, but their capacity for doing the job and their courtesy and their meeting people and the time they have to take for that purpose.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. That is all right as far as it goes, but salaries have always been fixed upon the amount of work that had to be done and in the manner in which it was done, and they are all based upon the receipts of doing it. There is no business in the United States or anywhere else today that don't have to fix its salaries upon its income. That is always the last point that we come to. I have that thing to meet every month. It is the last point we have to come to. If we can eliminate all these other expenses so as to bring down the reduction before touching the salary, no one will be more ready to do it than I.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. We can do it.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Let's have it.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. We have got the suggestion we have just carried out.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. I have shaped it out so far now. Let's go over it again. The adjutant general, cut out \$400; reduced the quartermaster \$500, bringing that down to \$100. That makes \$900. And the commander in chief suggests that be reduced \$500. That makes it \$1,400. Where is the next to come from?

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. That is all we want.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. No; we need 15.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Take another hundred off of mine. Make it \$900.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. All right, men. Now, we could have done that in the beginning if you had just listened. The adjutant general was here and I could get the resources from him right along. I suggest, Commander, we pass the appropriations; that the adjutant general's salary be eliminated, that the quartermaster general's salary be fixed at \$100, that the appropriation for the commander's traveling expense be fixed at \$900, is that the idea?

Commander in Chief ROWND. Yes; not exceeding—

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Not exceeding \$900. I would offer that first as one motion.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Would you be kind enough to include in that motion \$100 toward the expenses of the adjutant general? I will take a hundred dollars off of mine. I will take another hundred off.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Yes, Commander. When it comes to fixing salaries that will be in another motion.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Yes; I know it.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. We are after the reductions.

Commander in Chief ROWND. We will entertain your other motion then.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. I move that the adjutant general's salary be fixed at \$100, instead of \$400; that the quartermaster general's salary be fixed at \$100; and that the travel expenses of the commander in chief shall be fixed at \$800, is that right?

Commander in Chief ROWND. All right.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Let's put that through.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. I second that motion.

Commander in Chief ROWND. You have heard the question. The matter is before you now for discussion. Are there any remarks? If not, those favoring the motion will please indicate it by saying "aye." That is unanimously adopted. Now the next?

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. The next thing is that the secretary's salary remain at \$1,800.

Commander in Chief ROWND. That is a very wise thing to do. (Motion seconded.) It is moved and seconded that the secretary's salary remain at \$1,800. That motion is before you for discussion. Are there any remarks? Are you ready for the question? Those favoring that motion will please indicate it by saying "aye." Those opposed? Unanimously adopted. What is the next business?

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Commander in Chief, I offer a motion that the incidental traveling expenses as enumerated there and the expenses for postage, stationery, and so forth, be limited to the amount expended heretofore. That is proper and broad, and is used in every budget.

Comrade ROSE. I second the motion.

Commander in Chief ROWND. I very much prefer that a specific amount be used. The motion is that the amount of money expended—the average of the years—for postage be limited to that amount, the average amount.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. For postage, stationery, incidental travel expenses, and so forth, do not exceed the expenditures of the past year.

Commander in Chief ROWND. That question is before you for discussion.

Comrade NIXON. I will second that motion.

Adjutant General STONE. It came to me as the chaplain in chief during the past year a package of stationery which would allow me, if I was quite economical, to write not to exceed five sheets——

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. You are not included in this at all.

Adjutant General STONE. But others have been. There was enough came—I am just speaking about this, if you please, Comrade. I was just trying to make an explanation, and the question has come repeatedly, "What about your envelopes, and what about your"——

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. They are furnished to you. They are always furnished. You have never been adjutant general.

Adjutant General STONE. I have never been adjutant general. I was your chaplain in chief. And I am explaining——

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. This is not in this motion.

Adjutant General STONE. You are referring, I suppose, to what would be furnished in a general way. I was just explaining——

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. For the whole institution.

Adjutant General STONE. To be charged with having received a certain amount for postage and a certain amount for envelopes. Didn't happen to come in mine. I was not raising a single word of complaint, sir, in any way. I would like, if possible, you would keep yourself to the true state of affairs as you proceed.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Are you ready for the question? It has been fully stated, so we all understand.

A COMRADE. I would like to have the question again.

Commander in Chief ROWND. The question is that the amount of money that has been expended for the last few years——

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. No; last year.

Commander in Chief ROWND. For this year—that no appropriation be made that will exceed that amount, whatever it is. We don't know. Do you all understand the question? Are you ready for the question? Those favoring the motion will please indicate it by saying "aye." Those opposed? Unanimously adopted.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. We have the same condition in all public affairs. Whenever you come to expenditures you have got to look at your budget to see whether you can incorporate that. People that pay the bills, a practical person is the same. They can arrange things accordingly. They know what the appropriation is. They know they cannot exceed that because there will be no money to do it with.

Commander in Chief ROWND. That is all very clear.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. The whole thing is perfectly clear, and as far as the stationery——

Commander in Chief ROWND. Does that embrace everything that we are expected to take up relative to financial matters and the appropriations for the ensuing year; does it?

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. That is the principal part of the council of administration; yes.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Is there anything else that any member desires to bring before this meeting?

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. For the information of the council, Commander in Chief, if I may speak upon the question, I think the council ought to know something about it. I want you all to hear every word of what I have to say. If you have any comment to make, this is the time to do it. The reason I am saying what I do now is I want you to be familiar with the situation. It is not a new one to me, but it is new to you. When my term expired as commander in chief I had a thorough insight about all the affairs, and during the past year I have been studying that question over and over and over again in order to find some solution to it.

Of course, I knew in the first place the solution of it was either to increase the revenues or reduce the expenditures, because we have to make both ends meet. Now I want to explain to you just what I had to do with the committee.

Those who established our resources in a fund called the permanent fund, which, of course, was not permanent, because it changed every year—those who established that did that which they thought was right and which everybody thought at that time was right. They based everything on the tables of mortality that had been established by actual practice. Then you veterans of the Civil War, including myself, knocked all those statistics in the head. We did not use up the money, but we lived too long. And then those men had to go to work and restate their tables of mortality, and the result was, if you were not dead at 80 you ought to be, and you did not live up to that either. You lived longer again, and the final result is that we are staring in the face a deficit, and we will have to find a way to remedy the matter.

And after I got through with all the mass of figures that I had put together, and so forth, I came to the conclusion that there was only one way out of it, and that is, first, to take into consideration the absolute resources we could depend upon. Then, next, to take in the life of our association from the present time.

Now, the first was quite easy. I, as treasurer of the permanent fund, knew exactly what securities we held and I knew how much balance we had in the checking account. I made the report accordingly, sent a copy to each one of my colleagues, and then sent in the report to headquarters. That was a copy of the trust company report, in which the securities and the funds are held. Then I changed that report so it was more intelligent to the layman, and I did that at the request of the commander in chief. I arranged it as simply as it possibly could be done, and again sent a copy to my colleagues on the trustees' fund, and sent to the commander in chief a copy, and I believe that will be adopted in the report.

Now then the next thing that I had to do was to consider the life of the association. Here we are today, within the neighborhood of 100 delegates, whose ages, from the youngest, close to 89 years of age, range up to very active comrades at 94.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Comrades, Comrade Stone and his family have a car in waiting. They want to start this afternoon and get as near their home as possible. Will you excuse him?

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Why, certainly.

Don't bother about that, Comrade Stone. We will agree in some shape or other.

Now then I took the present situation, considering the comrades themselves that are here. We don't need any actuary's report, because we have gone beyond that. So that I figured that the life of the institution would be just about 5 years. But there would be such a decrease every year that we could decrease the appropriation in the budget. I took the \$7,000 of securities, I added the checking balance. Then I added the average income of the balances as far as the interest was concerned, and then I added the premiums that we would derive from the sales of the securities. And I found that we could depend upon a certain amount from that source alone. I wanted to divide that up into the 5 years of life that we would have and do it in such a manner we would decrease every year as our requirements would grow less. And my first year's appropriation was \$2,500. Now that is the one that has just been passed upon.

Now the other will be simply a guide, because we do not pass upon the whole 5 years. But it will simply be a guide. The second year I said we would appropriate \$2,000, the third year \$1,500. That will take \$6,000 off in 3 years. With the income and the balances we would have another \$2,000 or a little more; and for the fourth a thousand, and for the fifth a thousand.

Then came the question of the income. When I made these calculations the income was limited to the \$2,000 that we had heretofore received. Fortunately, that was increased \$500, and that came through something that I was very, very familiar with. I did not expect it, but it came, and it was the result of something that I am not disposed to talk of now, but I will tell you something just a little later when they get through.

This committee—I want to explain to the comrades in reference to this committee—not for your advice or anything of the kind, Commander in Chief.

Commander in Chief ROWND. All right, my dear friend.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. But may I explain to the council of administration?

Commander in Chief ROWND. Sure. Go ahead.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. The judge advocate at the meeting spoke of a committee. I had it in mind in connection with the other also. We have five recognized organizations, and the law says that. It says not “allies”—we have no allies. The Grand Army of the Republic has no alliance with anybody. It is the parent organization and stands alone. But we do recognize five organizations, and the reason we have recognized them is that they have promised in their attachment and recognition to assist, or, rather, to aid and assist the Grand Army of the Republic and its dependents. That is what the law reads and the pledge reads, and the law says distinctly the only organizations recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic are as follows: The Woman’s Relief Corps, which is the auxiliary of the Grand Army of the Republic; the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War; the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War; and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Heretofore we have received only contributions from the Woman’s Relief Corps and from the Daughters of Union Veterans, and these organizations have religiously come forward every year.

Now I will tell you an incident that you don’t all know. When I was elected commander in chief in Washington, D. C., in 1936 I received information that the Woman’s Relief Corps had passed a resolution reducing their contribution to the Grand Army of the Republic to \$500, and that would be payable when the commander in chief would ask for it. That was a nice starter, wasn’t it, in my administration?

Commander in Chief ROWND. Did you ask for it?

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. I said to the party that gave me the information, “They will wait until Hades freezes over before I will ask for a cent.” But my opportunity arrived. At a certain department encampment the national president of the Woman’s Relief Corps was present, and she spoke very favorably of their devotion to the Grand Army of the Republic, and so forth, and I had my cue. I started out very moderately, and then I got very emphatic.

I said: "The conditions now are such that this Grand Army of the Republic must to a certain extent stand or depend upon the aid promised by the various organizations when they received recognition, and instead of any reductions there should, if possible, on their part be an increase in the contribution that they made." It had its effect. There wasn't any decrease when the encampment was held at Madison.

Commander in Chief ROWND. One thousand, wasn't it?

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. It was a thousand again. So I didn't have to ask for it. The Daughters, upon whom we can always depend, not only kept up their contribution, but they also kept up their fealty to the Grand Army of the Republic.

When that representative of the federated bodies was in the encampment where Comrade Willett has presided and shook his fist right in his face when he sat in the chair and told him, "We are going to have what we want in spite of you, and we are going to have the name the Grand Army of the Republic," when the Daughters of the Union Veterans of the Civil War found that to be the case, in Rochester, N. Y., at the encampment, they immediately gave the Federated Bodies and everybody else notice, "The Daughters of Union Veterans will have nothing to do with an organization of that kind." They are loyal to their fathers, and they withdrew, and they are not in it today. Boys, did you know that?

Comrade AMBROSE. Which organization was that?

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Federated Bodies, allied with the Grand Army of the Republic. The resolution to recognize it has been twice directly before the committee on resolutions, and once indirectly. I was a member of the committee on resolutions and the matter was discussed pro and con, and as I knew a great deal of the inside history when everything was elucidated, they were refused recognition each time. When I was authorized by the encampment at Washington to appoint a committee to rewrite the laws, I did not forget that. There is a section in the law today that says: "Any question having been negatived directly or indirectly at three different times cannot again be brought forward before the national encampment except by unanimous consent," and I added to it when I discussed the matter, "and as long as C. H. William Ruhe is able to appear in an encampment, you will find he will be there to protest against that being taken up." So they are excluded for good as long as I live.

Now then I want to get in touch, not so much with those who have contributed, except to compliment them on what they have done, and, if possible, if they can do any better if the times warrant it. And the resolution also says that they shall be men who have knowledge of the personnel and who have knowledge in general of the condition of such personnel and know of the ability of such membership to pay. Now don't you think that is pretty fair judgment? A committee of that kind, if they knew the ability to pay was not there, could they ask them to increase? That is one of the prerogatives of the committee.

The other prerogative is that they were to go to those associations who have never paid anything. I at one time listened to a department commander at one institution where they held an encampment—got hold of a representative, the son of a Union veteran, and the

tirade that he read to him was something, I tell you, that wasn't very nice to listen to. You could not help but pity the individual if he had to take the responsibility for the whole thing. He wound up, he says: "You ought to be ashamed of yourself even to appear at a place like this. All that you have ever done for the Grand Army of the Republic, in the sunshine of which you have basked constantly, and the benefits of their institutions you have constantly taken, you have taken all the courtesies that were offered to this encampment. Not only that, but you have always asked for more. All the contributions you have ever made to the Grand Army would not amount to 5 cents a member for your darn organization." That is what he told him. When I looked into the thing it was the truth.

I want to give you some absolutely true history. I have got a certified copy of it in my pocket. I would have used it in the encampment, but they did not show up. There was an encampment held. The various organizations sent their committees of greeting. The department commander had met with a very severe accident. He had fallen and broken a hip bone in three places. But he managed to survive, although he is 92 years old. He was there on a cane. It happened this summer. The accident was, he slipped on the ice. But he presided and did the best he could. He had a spokesman for him, but he presided. He sat in the chair of the commander. He waited at the encampment for the various committees of greeting. And, more than that, the commander in chief was present at the meeting on Wednesday afternoon, and the commander in chief, at the solicitation of one of the members, promised to come there the next morning and install the officers, so he was not there that afternoon. He was the next morning.

That afternoon, after the afternoon session was over, came the campfire. They called the organizations, the Relief Corps first. They presented \$100. The Ladies of the G. A. R. presented \$150. The Daughters presented \$200. It helped the department to be out of debt, and that is about all. They had nothing to go ahead with.

Then the next call was the Sons of Union Veterans. No answer. The chairman repeated. He says, "We will next hear from the Sons of Union Veterans." No answer. He again repeated the call. He said, "Is there no one here to answer for the Sons of Union Veterans?" There was no answer. Their auxiliary passed through the same ordeal. I am not going to reflect upon them now. Then the chairman said, "This campfire is now adjourned."

We went back to the hotel. The next morning the commander in chief installed the officers, but before they took their places the commander in chief, who was still presiding, stated: "We will order a recess to see if the Sons of Union Veterans and their Auxiliary, or their committee on greetings, do not appear." He sent a messenger to the outpost, who returned and said there was no committee present. "Well, we will wait a little while longer." We waited about 10 minutes longer, and he again sent the messenger to the outpost, and said, "If there is nobody there, you go out in the hotel lobby and go through all the adjacent rooms—a very large hotel—and see if there is not a committee present." He came back and reported there was no committee present. The newly installed officers took their places, and the department encampment adjourned sine die.

Now, if you do not believe my word you can ask the commander in chief. You can verify every word, because during the interval we were sitting together on the platform talking the matter over. But the crux of the whole situation is this: The commander in chief of the Sons of Veterans was present. When the other people went to the campfire he went down, took the car, and left the town. You never expected to hear a story like that, did you? That is the history of the Sons of Union Veterans.

Comrade AMBROSE. I have just one word to say. I was recently told by a Son of a Veteran, and I now identify the person, that there was a movement on foot—in fact, they had inaugurated it—to tax, or, rather, to ask each Son of a Veteran to contribute \$1 a year to the support of the Grand Army. Now there are 20,000 Sons of Veterans. That would add very considerably to our income.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. If they would do it. I know of the situation because when it was broached first, when the party thought of it and came to me and asked me about it—it was my son that did it, and he started out originally——

Surgeon General GARRETT. At the request of being considered a butter-in, I would like to say a word or two.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. I will yield to you in a minute. The movement is started in the Davis Starr Camp, named after Major Davis, who was the originator of the Sons of Veterans, in the city of Pittsburgh. It was my son who started the movement.

Comrade AMBROSE. I identify the person who gave me the information.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. You have seen him with me, have you?

Surgeon General GARRETT. I don't really know, gentlemen, that I am a member of the council. I came in here. I heard him tell us to meet at half past two and I came up. And when you commenced to talk I asked Miss Flood, I said, "I expect I better go out. I don't believe I belong in here." She said, "Yes, you do. You stay." As I understood it—I have not heard half because when I am sitting to one side I cannot understand. If I had been there I could have understood every word. But I understand we are short in finances and we are scheming a way to raise them; is that about it?

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. No; not exactly. We are not short on the present yet. We are cutting our garment according to our cloth.

Surgeon General GARRETT. We are deciding what shall be in the future?

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. We are trying to collect from those who obligated themselves to share it.

Surgeon General GARRETT. Every other organization, I think you said that, but I could not understand it, would be perfectly willing to put on a per capita tax in our favor to give to us each year, and the Woman's Relief Corps has a membership of 84,000, and if they put on a tax of 25 cents, a 25-cent per capita tax, for our benefit, it would amount to \$21,000 a year. I believe all of them would put on a per-capita tax in our favor. But if the worst comes to the worst I am sure there are members enough in the Grand Army to run it and we will never have to stop. I am worth possibly \$30,000 or

\$40,000. I am perfectly willing to, commencing this year, give \$50 a year. I think somebody here suggested that the per capita tax of the Grand Army be raised to a dollar.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. It is a dollar. (National gets 2¢.)

Surgeon General GARRETT. I paid that a while—I sent them a dollar, but I concluded finally I could not run the Grand Army by myself, and I cut it down to a quarter.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Thank you very much for your suggestion.

Surgeon General GARRETT. I am sure that will solve the problem, and if they don't, we can.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Now is there anybody else?

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. I am not at the end of my string. This committee——

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. I don't see but what we are done with our business here. I have got some very important business to look after. I would like to be excused.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Just one moment. Have we completed our task? Have we taken care of all the financial questions?

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. I think we have.

Commander in Chief ROWND. All right then. Very glad to excuse you, sir.

Past Commander in Chief MARTIN. I want you to have one of the best years that you can possibly have. If I can be of any service to you I will try and serve you. I will try to do the best I can to help you.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Commander in Chief and comrades——

Commander in Chief ROWND. Proceed.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. This committee will interview the heads of those departments——

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. May I ask a question? Have you concluded your arrangements for the current year?

Commander in Chief ROWND. Yes, sir; we have.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Very well. Now the thought that has been given to you by Comrade Ruhe is a foundation and the initial for the committee to work upon that is arranged for by the resolution I referred to. But the current commander in chief should appoint the committee of three, understand, to investigate the status and to find out just what could be done with these auxiliary societies, and we do not want to go at them with fire. We want to go at them and show that dollars and cents is what we have got to have. All that he has said has a bearing upon that proposition.

Most of us want to make an arrangement to leave this afternoon. It is very proper that you should be informed, but it is for the future and it is for that committee. That committee ought to be raised with the understanding that you retain the position as an adviser of the committee; and that is something that you should consider before appointing the committee; and you should investigate. Now, that is the situation.

I am of the firm belief and opinion that if the Woman's Relief Corps, the Daughters of Union Veterans, and the Sons of Veterans and their auxiliary are approached properly that we can get enough

addition for the next year and from that time on to take care of us till we have gone to the Great Beyond. I need not amplify.

Commander in Chief ROWND. All right. I am very happy to say——

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. And the foundation, the argument and the points that have been made by Comrade Ruhe here all are well taken, but it is useless for us to go further upon that proposition. The other is something that the commander in chief will have to take into consideration. As I understand it, you have appointed me judge advocate?

Commander in Chief ROWND. I appointed you judge advocate.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. The point about it is this, that as a judge advocate I can only give an official opinion upon anything except as it came from you, and I wanted to discuss the matter with you, and in connection with it to discuss the matter of the appointment of this committee and what their duties are. As shown by what Comrade Ruhe has said, it will be necessary that the committee shall be diplomats too. They cannot go at it and bulldoze that outfit, but you can make good headway in persuasion. I know that because I have known the Woman's Relief Corps to put up \$5,000 to pay the expenses of a campaign and a tour of the United States to your humble servant. I know that and I know their feeling, but they don't like to be bulldozed. So that they have got to be reasoned with, and the argument advanced by Comrade Ruhe is applicable to that situation.

Commander in Chief ROWND. My comrade, you are skilled in all that art. I want to have the pleasure of making you a member of the committee.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. I am willing to act, but I would like to talk to you about the other two members. If that boy [indicating Past Commander in Chief Ruhe] thinks he can escape now, he is wrong. He is a bull dandy and he ought to be on that committee.

Commander in Chief ROWND. There are two on the committee right here.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. That is two of them, and we will talk about it and determine on who the third one ought to be. I am willing to serve.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Now you just wait a minute. I would say now what we would have gotten to anyhow. The description of these qualifications in this resolution covers all that the comrade has said. It says in there that the qualifications of the committee shall be of such a nature they shall be familiar with the membership of these organizations to know of the ability of the members to pay, and the disposition of that membership towards the Grand Army of the Republic, and in the most judicious way approach them so as to not antagonize them but enlist their services. It is all included in the resolution.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. I understand, but why talk about it further? You have made an explanation here that can be amplified. It is full and complete, and I have been pleased that you did it because I am glad that somebody else has wind enough to do those things besides myself.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Well now, have you completed?

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. I have completed, because I have said all I wish to.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. I would like to know whether he is willing to serve on that committee.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Why, of course he will serve on that.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Did he say so?

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. I will serve.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. I want to be consulted about the third one.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Let me make this suggestion, that you gentlemen get together and decide upon the other one and I will appoint him.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. There is no particular hurry about this thing, because we can work out a plan. We can try it on some of the officials of these organizations in conversation to find out what they think of the proposition. I will do the preliminary work also, because I get in touch with a great many of them.

Commander in Chief ROWND. I am willing to entertain a motion that this committee of three, two of which have been appointed—let the two select the third man.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. If we can agree.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Will you make the motion?

Comrade AMBROSE. I make that as a motion. (Motion seconded.) Then I have a suggestion to make. If they cannot find the third man that we shall estimate these two members of the committee as one and a half each.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Never mind.

Commander in Chief ROWND. Then those favoring the motion will please indicate it by saying "aye." Those opposed, "no." (Carried.)

This meeting is adjourned sine die (4:10 p. m.).

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS
AND OF COMMITTEES**



HENRY HELD
SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF



ROBERT M. ROWND
JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

REPORT OF SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

WEST ALLIS, WIS., *August 1, 1938.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

DEAR COMRADE: I beg leave to submit to you my report as senior vice commander in chief. I had few duties to perform, but have been ever ready to answer any call. It was a pleasure to extend the greetings of the Grand Army of the Republic on several occasions. I attended the banquet in Chicago given in honor of our commander in chief.

I have been ever busy in Wisconsin, affiliating with our patriotic orders, speaking on patriotism, our constitution, and other subjects of interest in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It has been a great pleasure to me to address the public over the radio in behalf of the Grand Army of the Republic.

It has always been a privilege to serve the Grand Army of the Republic.

Submitted in F., C., and L.,

HENRY HELD,
Senior Vice Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF

RIPLEY, N. Y., *July 15, 1938.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: In obedience to the rules and regulations of our beloved organization I have the honor to present my report for services rendered since my election as junior vice commander in chief.

The duties that I have performed have been agreeable and gave evidence of appreciation. I attended the meeting of the Woman's Relief Corps at Jamestown, N. Y., together with affiliated organizations, and actively participated in the activities of the occasion, resulting in a pleasurable day. I also attended the annual meeting of J. W. Brown Post at Jamestown, at which I presided. We had a fair representation of the membership. It was a pleasure to be present at the annual department encampment of United Spanish War Veterans at Fredonia, N. Y., a city noted for its generosity and patriotism. I attended the meeting of the Chautauqua County Soldiers' Association, at which I presided, and it is my plan to be present at the annual meeting to be held early in August at which the chaplain in chief is expected.

I had an active part in Memorial Day services, going to the East and South Cemeteries with the Legion where flowers were placed upon graves of veterans. I marched to church with the World War veterans to attend a patriotic service preceding Memorial Day. It is an inspiration as you contemplate the spirit of the church in religiously keeping alive the thought of the day in observance, even in the absence of a Grand Army Post. The Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., and all kindred organizations are worthy of highest commendation for their contribution toward the perpetuation of the day of sacred memories.

It was my good fortune to be invited to attend the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg. I was happy to avail myself of the opportunity and to have with me one of my grandsons whose enjoyment surpassed his fondest anticipations. It was a week of unusual interest. Space will not permit me to expand the subject and I will content myself by swiftly referring to the intelligent plan formulated by the Army and put into effect, a stupendous undertaking for the comfort, convenience, and happiness of the Blue and the Gray and their faithful attendants. It was my pleasure to visit the Confederate camp and I met several who fought in battles in which I took part, and during our review of experiences the spirit of brotherhood was not disturbed. I returned to my home after a week of happy recollections and fellowship with comrades and new friends, together with a prayer that the spirit

which prevailed between the North and the South previous to the Civil War be re-created and have endurance forever.

In closing, allow me to express my deep appreciation for the varied courtesies extended by you and give assurance that my life has been enriched by my association with you and the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, for whom I have highest personal regard. I value their confidence and good will reflected in my unanimous election, more than language could express.

Sincerely in F., C. and L.,

ROBERT M. ROWND,
Junior Vice Commander in Chief.

REPORT OF SURGEON GENERAL

CRAWFORDSVILLE, IND., *July 19, 1938.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant-General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: My report as surgeon general must be brief, since I have had no real duties to perform. I have been often startled when I see in the daily papers so often "another Civil War soldier gone." It shows me how rapidly we are going to the final roll call and that in a very few more years we shall all be gone. Still, when I see how the people care for us and love us for what we have done to save our Nation from ruin, I cannot but feel that when we answer the last roll call we shall be accorded the acclaim of "Well done, good and faithful soldier."

I attended the Gettysburg reunion of the Blue and Gray and was glad to see so many of the comrades there even though many of them were so feeble that they had to depend on others for their care and safety.

I hope to meet many of the comrades at Des Moines in September, though there will be many familiar faces missing. I hope, too, that as long as a corporal's guard remain able to attend we shall continue to meet in this annual encampment.

Yours in F., C. and L.,

E. H. COWAN, *Surgeon General.*



DR. EDWARD H. COWAN
SURGEON GENERAL



REV. MARTIN V. STONE
CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF

REPORT OF CHAPLAIN IN CHIEF

JAMESTOWN, N. Y., *July 26, 1938.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: Service with and sharing courtesies of the national staff and officers of the auxiliary orders of our affiliated group has been most pleasant during the year. Illness prevented meeting some dates early in the winter, but most since then have been met.

Christmas and Easter gave occasion for greetings and appeals to department chaplains, as far as addresses were known.

Accidents, illness, and other tragic causes permanently disabled or ended life of many members in high official rank, inviting messages of sympathy and comfort by pen or personal visitation.

The seventy-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg brought together comrades from both armies engaged in the conflict, and as participants in programs or greetings when meeting, gave happy assurance of friendships that time has helped survivors establish.

While less accuracy and promptness mark declines in some forms of orderly ritual observance and reports, the finer currents of loyalty and comradeship continue to flow deep and strong in our ranks.

Striving to learn better the "right way" and ripen into loyal character, we "march on."

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.,

MARTIN V. STONE,
Chaplain in Chief.

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REPORT OF ADJUTANT GENERAL

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., *August 1, 1938.*

OVERTON H. MENNET,

Commander in Chief, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMMANDER IN CHIEF: It is with a deep sense of gratitude that I express to you my thanks for the high honor you bestowed on me in appointing me to assist you as adjutant general. The long years of friendship which we have enjoyed in our service together in the Grand Army of the Republic has only drawn us closer and I again thank you for this opportunity of serving you.

Our ranks are thinning, as our reports show, but our losses are not as heavy as last year. The losses for the year are shown by the following summary:

	Members	Posts
In good standing, Dec. 31, 1936.....	3, 325	948
Gains by muster, transfer, and reinstatement.....	41	1
Total.....	3, 366	949
Loss by death.....	856	
Loss by all other causes.....	67	
Total loss.....	923	188
In good standing, Dec. 31, 1937.....	2, 443	761

I have enjoyed traveling with you and having the opportunity to meet my comrades, as well as the members of the allied orders. I know that your visits have brought sunshine and happiness wherever you have gone.

The high light of the year was your decision to accept the invitation of the Pennsylvania Gettysburg Commission, for the Grand Army of the Republic to participate in the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, July 1-4, 1938. I am well aware of the sleepless nights which this question caused you, but when it was all over, you were well repaid for all your worries. Those who were at Gettysburg experienced an atmosphere of comradeship and friendship they had never felt between comrades before. Our encampment should express its appreciation and gratitude to the Pennsylvania Commission and to the Federal Commission for their conduct of this reunion, which will never be forgotten by those who attended it.

Consolidated report of posts and membership of the Grand Army of the Republic, showing gains and losses for the year ending Dec. 31, 1937

Departments	Dec. 31, 1936		Dec. 31, 1937		Posts		Members	
	Posts	Mem- bers	Posts	Mem- bers	Gain	Loss	Gain	Loss
Alabama.....	2	5	2	4	-----	-----	-----	1
Arkansas.....	2	5	2	5	-----	-----	-----	1
California and Nevada.....	46	339	41	249	-----	5	2	92
Colorado and Wyoming.....	10	38	9	36	-----	1	-----	2
Connecticut.....	21	60	19	45	-----	2	-----	15
Delaware.....	4	21	4	18	-----	-----	-----	3
Florida.....	5	43	5	32	-----	-----	-----	11
Idaho.....	6	17	6	13	-----	-----	-----	4
Illinois.....	97	270	80	208	-----	17	-----	62
Indiana.....	54	177	45	138	-----	9	-----	39
Iowa.....	21	205	17	136	-----	4	9	78
Kansas.....	62	192	41	128	1	22	3	67
Kentucky.....	5	18	4	8	-----	1	-----	10
Louisiana and Mississippi.....	4	39	4	39	-----	-----	-----	-----
Maine.....	25	94	19	78	-----	6	-----	22
Maryland.....	2	12	-----	9	-----	2	-----	3
Massachusetts.....	74	173	66	132	-----	8	7	48
Michigan.....	45	120	34	76	-----	11	-----	44
Minnesota.....	43	93	29	79	-----	14	-----	14
Missouri.....	13	59	12	39	-----	1	1	21
Montana.....	5	8	5	7	-----	-----	-----	1
Nebraska.....	31	93	25	79	-----	6	1	15
New Hampshire.....	8	16	7	8	-----	7	-----	8
New Jersey.....	10	41	10	33	-----	1	1	9
New York.....	92	289	79	224	-----	13	2	67
North Dakota.....	2	3	2	2	-----	-----	-----	1
Ohio.....	79	240	66	190	-----	13	-----	50
Oklahoma.....	4	19	3	15	-----	1	-----	4
Oregon.....	12	99	10	65	-----	2	3	37
Pennsylvania.....	44	200	33	117	-----	11	6	89
Potomac.....	1	13	1	8	-----	-----	1	6
Rhode Island.....	9	17	7	15	-----	2	1	3
South Dakota.....	14	34	7	25	-----	7	-----	9
Texas.....	2	9	2	8	-----	-----	-----	1
Utah.....	4	9	3	6	-----	1	-----	3
Vermont.....	1	6	1	6	-----	-----	-----	1
Virginia and North Carolina.....	3	5	1	3	-----	2	-----	2
Washington and Alaska.....	21	84	15	59	-----	6	-----	25
West Virginia.....	8	30	8	25	-----	-----	-----	5
Wisconsin.....	57	127	37	78	-----	20	2	51
Members at large.....	-----	3	-----	5	-----	-----	2	-----
Aggregate.....	948	3, 325	761	2, 443	1	188	41	923
Net loss.....	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	187	-----	882

It has been a difficult task to get reports from the different departments and when they were received, in some cases they were not correct and this entailed additional correspondence. Many of the departments have as secretary a member of one of the allied orders. If all of them would read the rules and regulations, reports would

be filled out correctly, thus saving the expense of the additional correspondence. To the majority of assistant adjutants general and secretaries, who have been prompt and accurate in their dealings with national headquarters, I express my appreciation and thanks.

We are deeply indebted to the personnel at Patriotic Hall for aid and assistance so cheerfully given whenever needed and we express our thanks for all this to Mr. E. B. Cornell, superintendent; Mr. A. B. Nevin, assistant superintendent; and Mrs. Florence Heagen, secretary, and all the employees.

To Miss Katharine R. A. Flood, national secretary, I am indebted not only for the work of the office well done but for her advice and reference to the law and past decisions in the many important questions that are continually coming up for solution. I recommend that this encampment take such action as may be necessary to insure her continuance in headquarters, that we may have the benefit of her knowledge of the work of the order and her acquaintance with the comrades.

Now, my dear Commander in Chief, as our happy year draws to a close, I wish to commend you for your faithful work for the Grand Army of the Republic. You will always have the satisfaction of having brought joy and happiness to the heart of thousands of your comrades and friends, and hope and cheer to the members of the auxiliary and allied orders.

Sincerely in F., C., and L.,

RUSSELL C. MARTIN, *Adjutant General.*



RUSSELL C. MARTIN
ADJUTANT GENERAL



SAMUEL S. FOWLER
QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

REPORT OF QUARTERMASTER GENERAL

PHILADELPHIA, PA., August 10, 1938.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: I submit herewith a statement in detail of the business transacted in the office of quartermaster general for term ending August 10, 1938. It was again necessary to draw upon the permanent fund and I presume it will be necessary to do so in coming years.

This report shows the usual activities of our auxiliary and allied organizations in their work of love for the Grand Army of the Republic. We are grateful to Mrs. Flo Jamison Miller for assuming the duties of looking after the graves of our deceased comrades buried in southern cemeteries.

I take this opportunity to express my appreciation of the honor conferred upon me by the commander in chief.

Respectfully submitted in F., C., and L.

SAMUEL S. FOWLER,
Quartermaster General.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT

Transcript of books August 10, 1937, to September 30, 1937

Cash balance in all funds as reported to Seventy-first National Encampment ----- \$4, 187. 63

Subsequent receipts:

A. T. Anderson, treasurer permanent fund-----	\$700. 00	
California and Nevada, supplies-----	2. 20	
Washington and Alaska, supplies-----	1. 00	
Henry Brunner, Fitzgerald, Ga., member at large, dues-----	1. 00	
Department secretary badges-----	16. 00	
Jos. W. Baker, Fenton, La., member at large, badge and dues-----	1. 50	
Woman's Relief Corps-----	1, 000. 00	
Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War-----	1, 000. 00	
	<hr/>	2, 721. 70
Total-----		<hr/> 6, 909. 33

DISBURSEMENTS

Travel -----	\$243. 08	
Expenses -----	486. 21	
	<hr/>	729. 29

Balance ----- 6, 180. 04

To be credited as follows:

General fund-----	\$2, 504. 52	
Southern memorial fund-----	3, 675. 52	
Total-----		<hr/> 6, 180. 04

Statement of disbursements, Aug. 10 to Sept. 30, 1937, by Samuel S. Fowler, quartermaster general

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Travel	Salaries	Expenses
1937 Aug. 30	62	Commercial Press, Pittsburgh, Pa.: 250 lists D. C. and A. A. G., \$9.75; general orders No. 5, \$52.50; parcel post on G. O., \$5.85; 500 manila envelopes, \$5.00-----			\$73. 10
	63	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary: Office expenses, Aug. 5-30, 1937— Postage, \$9.30; telegrams and long-distance telephones, \$22.45; supplies, \$5.16; extra stenographer, \$10-----			46. 91
Sept. 10	64	Samuel S. Fowler, quartermaster general: Railroad fare and expenses from Philadelphia to Madison, Wis., and return-----	\$79. 98		
		Railroad fare and expenses for Secretary Anna E. Wise-----	77. 20		
	65	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary: Railroad fare and Pullman, Pittsburgh to Madison and return; tips, meals, taxis, etc-----	67. 70		
		Paid stenographers in Pittsburgh and Madison-----			35. 00
	66	Hotel Loraine, Madison, Wis.: For headquarters expressage, postage on badges to absentees, telegrams, newspaper subscriptions, \$30.57; for tips to hotel employees, \$20-----			50. 57
	67	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary: Fare, Pullman to Philadelphia from Pittsburgh, Pa-----	18. 20		
		Expenses in Pittsburgh for hotel, packing cases, tips, taxis, \$16.50; paid Underwood Typewriter Co. for repairs in August, \$1.59-----			18. 09
	68	Bishard Bros: 500 copies of Roll of Seventy-first National Encampment, \$140.25; 500 copies Addresses and Reports of Officers, \$112.75; tax and expressage, \$9.54-----			262. 54
		Total-----	243. 08		486. 21

ACCOUNT CURRENT

DEBIT

Cash received for term ending Aug. 10, 1938 (balance in all funds as reported in the supplemental report dated Sept. 30, 1937):

General fund-----	\$2,504.52	
Southern memorial fund-----	3,675.52	
		<u>\$6,180.04</u>

Subsequent receipts:

Sale of supplies-----	91.36	
Per capita tax-----	58.03	
Permanent fund-----	4,000.00	
Woman's Relief Corps for southern memorial fund--	500.00	
Donation from Past Department Commander Thomas Barr-----	2.00	
		<u>4,651.39</u>

Total-----		<u>10,831.43</u>
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CREDIT

Cash paid out for term ending Aug. 10, 1938:

Supplies-----	\$33.26	
Travel-----	2,216.55	
Salaries-----	2,800.00	
Expenses-----	1,502.32	
Southern memorial fund-----	1,000.00	
		<u>\$7,552.13</u>

Total in all funds Aug. 10, 1938-----		<u><u>3,279.30</u></u>
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To be credited as follows:

General fund-----	\$101.78	
Southern memorial fund-----	3,177.52	
		<u>3,279.30</u>

Statement of total number of posts and membership, sale of supplies, per capita tax, southern memorial fund, etc., for term ending Aug. 10, 1938

Department	Posts	Members	Supplies	Per capita tax	General fund	Southern memorial fund
Alabama	2	4		\$0. 08		
Arkansas	2	4		. 08		
California and Nevada	41	249	\$3. 60	4. 98		
Colorado and Wyoming	9	36		. 75		
Connecticut	19	45	3. 75	. 90		
Delaware	4	18	3. 05	. 36		
Florida	5	32	. 40	. 64		
Idaho	6	13	1. 00	. 26		
Illinois	80	208	2. 85	4. 16		
Indiana	45	138		2. 76		
Iowa	17	136	4. 20	6. 58		
Kansas	41	128		2. 56		
Kentucky	4	8	2. 10	1. 00		
Louisiana and Mississippi	4	39	1. 00	. 78		
Maine	19	72	1. 70	1. 44		
Maryland		9		. 18		
Massachusetts	66	132	1. 85	2. 64		
Michigan	34	76	1. 16	1. 52		
Minnesota	29	79	2. 10	1. 58		
Missouri	12	39	. 20	. 78		
Montana	5	7		. 20		
Nebraska	25	79	1. 20	1. 58		
New Hampshire	7	8		. 16		
New Jersey	10	33		. 66		
New York	79	224	4. 65	4. 48		
North Dakota	2	2	1. 00	. 25		
Ohio	66	190	. 25	3. 80		
Oklahoma	3	15	1. 90	. 30		
Oregon	10	65		1. 30		
Pennsylvania	33	117		2. 34		
Potomac	1	8		. 16		
Rhode Island	7	15		. 30		
South Dakota	7	25		. 50		
Texas	2	8		. 16		
Utah	3	6		. 12		
Vermont	1	6		. 15		
Virginia and North Carolina	1	3		. 30		
Washington and Alaska	15	59		1. 18		
West Virginia	8	25	. 20	. 50		
Wisconsin	37	78		1. 56		
Members at large		5		4. 00		
Aides-de-Camp			53. 00			
P. D. C. Thomas Barr						\$2. 00
Woman's Relief Corps						500. 00
Permanent Fund					\$4, 000	
Tennessee—Transfers			. 20			
Total	761	2, 443	91. 36	58. 03	4, 000	502. 00

Statement of disbursements for term ending Aug. 10, 1938, by Samuel S. Fowler, quartermaster general

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expenses	General fund	Southern Memorial Fund
1937 Sept. 11	1	Overton H. Mennet, commander in chief: Traveling expenses		\$500. 00				
	2	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary: Salary, Sept. 10-30			\$100. 00			
		.Paid: Commercial Press, Pittsburgh, Pa., General Orders No. 1, \$6; postage, \$4.32; expressage, \$3.37				\$13. 69		
	3	Samuel S. Fowler, quartermaster general: Salary, Sept. 10-30			33. 33			
		Postage, sending free blanks to different departments, \$10; insurance on books, etc., \$3; expressage sending books to Grand Army room, Washington, D. C., \$5				18. 00		
	4	Thomas B. Smith Co.: Bond covering quartermaster general S. S. Fowler				12. 50		
7	5	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary: Expenses, New York to Philadelphia and return, checking books and records in office of quartermaster general, \$27.15; telegrams, \$2.75; expenses to Los Angeles, Calif., fare, Pullman, etc., \$161		190. 90				
18	6	Southern California Telephone Co.: Service-connection charge, \$3.50; deposit, \$5.10				8. 60		
	7	Overton H. Mennet, commander in chief: Paid for freight and expressage on office supplies and records from Madison, Wis., and Pittsburgh, Pa., to Los Angeles, Calif.				91. 45		
20	8	H. E. Hass, Los Angeles, Calif.: Typewriter No. 3874686, discount \$25.74, \$109.76; sales tax, rubber keys, \$6.36				116. 12		
	9	Miller Desk & Safe Co.: 2 cushions, \$4; typewriter desk, \$41.50; 4-drawer letter file, \$19.50; metal cabinet, \$34.50; 2 armchairs, \$24; 1 side chair, \$9; table, \$14.50; sales tax, \$4.41				151. 41		

Statement of disbursements for term ending Aug. 10, 1938, by Samuel S. Fowler, quartermaster general—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expenses	General fund	Southern Memorial Fund
1937 Sept. 22	10	Jos. K. Davison's Sons: 25 department secretary badges, \$5; die for the bar, \$8	\$13.00					
25	11	Samuel S. Fowler, quartermaster general: Salary for October			50.00			
	12	Supplies and expressage, sending books to Grand Army Room, Washington, D. C.				5.00		
	13	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary: Salary for October			150.00			
	14	Grimes-Stasforth Stationery Co.: Office supplies				24.55		
		Russell C. Martin, adjutant general: Salary, Oct. 10-31, 1937			55.55			
		Paid Walker Van Co. for cartage on freight from Union Station, \$8; postage, \$10; expressage, \$2.56; telegrams, \$2.71				23.27		
15		John A. Medlar Co.: 500 envelopes, \$2.75; 500 No. 10 envelopes, \$3.75; 500 No. 12 envelopes, \$4.50; manila envelopes, \$9.25; tax, 47 cents				16.22		
Nov. 20	16	Gordon L. Elliott: Reporting Seventy-first National Encampment, Madison, Wis.						
		Railroad fare, Des Moines, Iowa, to Madison, Wis., and return		20.27		200.00		
		Express charges on transcript				1.49		
Nov. 23	17	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary: Salary for November			150.00			
	18	Russell C. Martin, adjutant general: Salary for November			33.33			
		Paid telephone company, service, Oct. 18-Nov. 10, \$3.78; packing typewriter to quartermaster general, \$3; Los Angeles Co., rent, October and November, \$2; office expenses—supplies, extra janitor service, extra stenographer for commander in chief; directory slips, \$23.60				32.38		

Nov. 23	19	Samuel S. Fowler, quartermaster general: Salary for November-----				50.00			
Dec. 18	20	Yeo & Lukens Co.: Ledger book-----						4.85	
		Russell C. Martin, adjutant general: Salary for December-----				33.34			
21		Office expenses—Postage, \$15; telephone, \$5.20; rent, \$1; supplies, \$9.30; sundries, \$10-----						40.50	
		Samuel S. Fowler, quartermaster general: Salary for December-----				50.00			
28	22	Janitor-----						2.00	
		Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary: Salary for December-----				150.00			
1938	23	John A. Medlar Co., Los Angeles, Calif.: 2,000 countersigns, \$4.50; 1,000 gummed labels, \$4.50; 500 aides' blanks and tax, \$4.39; signature cut of A. G. Martin and tax, \$2.06; 4,000 General Orders No. 2 and tax, \$72.27; parcel post on 39 packages, \$13.16-----						100.88	
		Overton H. Mennet, commander in chief: Advanced traveling expenses-----			500.00				
12	25	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary: Traveling expenses, Los Angeles, Calif., to Des Moines, Iowa, Washington, D. C., and return-----			300.00				
		Stewart & Steen Co., Philadelphia: 5,000 letterheads engraved-----						47.50	
21	27	John A. Medlar Co., printers: 1,000 copies amendments to Rules and Regulations and sales tax, \$18.03; parcel post on same to Philadelphia, \$2.23-----							
		W. W. Nixon, Jewell, Kans.: Expenses from Jewell to Des Moines, Iowa, and return attending meeting of executive committee-----	20.26						
25	29	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary: Salary for January-----			17.80				
		Samuel S. Fowler, quartermaster general: Salary for January-----				150.00			
25	30	Shipping books to Grand Army room, Washington, D. C.-----				50.00			
		Russell C. Martin, adjutant general: Salary for January-----						5.00	
25	31	Office expenses—Rent, \$1; telephone, \$5.25; postage, \$16.20; supplies, \$14.22; telegrams, \$6.70; stenographer, \$16.50-----				33.33			
								59.87	

Statement of disbursements for term ending Aug. 10, 1938, by Samuel S. Fowler, quartermaster general—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expenses	General fund	Southern Memorial Fund
1938 Feb. 17	32	Russell C. Martin, adjutant general: Hotel and Pullman expenses attending meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, and Washington, D. C., Jan. 17-Feb. 11, 1938; Pullman, \$50.50; hotel and meals, \$88.76	-----	139.26	-----	-----	-----	-----
	25	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary: Salary for February----- Additional expense on eastern trip-----	-----	-----	150.00	-----	-----	-----
	34	Samuel S. Fowler, quartermaster general: Salary for February----- Office expense—Cash book and tax, \$1.53; postage, \$3.47-----	-----	6.90	50.00	-----	-----	-----
	35	Russell C. Martin, adjutant general: Salary for February----- Office expenses—Rent, \$1; telephone, \$5.25; telegrams and expressage, \$4.35; postage, \$10; supplies, \$2.35; stenographer, \$5-----	-----	-----	33.33	5.00	-----	-----
Mar. 8	36	Walt Mabie Print, Philadelphia, Pa.: 1,500 reports, post patriotic Instructor, \$12; 1,000 reports, post chaplain, \$8; 200 letterheads and postage, \$1.90; 1,600 letterheads, 12 changes, \$11; postage on letterheads, \$3.10; 100 No. 10 envelopes for Quartermaster General Samuel S. Fowler, \$1-----	-----	-----	-----	27.95	-----	-----
	24	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary: Editing Journal of Seventy-first National Encampment-----	-----	-----	-----	37.00	-----	-----
	26	Russell C. Martin, adjutant general: Salary for March----- Paid Medlar Co. for printing envelopes, \$3.86; office expenses—telephone, \$5.10; rent, \$1; expressage, \$2.24; postage, \$9.40; telegrams, \$3.22-----	-----	-----	33.34	100.00	-----	-----
	39	Samuel S. Fowler, quartermaster general: Salary for March-----	-----	-----	-----	24.82	-----	-----
40		Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary: Salary for March-----	-----	-----	50.00 150.00	-----	-----	-----

Apr. 15	41	John A. Medlar Co., Los Angeles, Calif.: Printing 3,500 General Orders No. 3, \$18.50; tax, 55 cents; parcel post, \$4.53				23. 58	
	42	Grimes-Stasforth Stationery Co.: Mailing tubes for commissions, \$5.80; air mail tape, 50 cents; shears, \$1.15; steel ink eraser, 75 cents; tax, 25 cents				8. 45	
25	43	Russell C. Martin, adjutant general: Salary for April			33. 34		
	44	Office expenses—Rent, \$1; telephone, \$8.37; extra stenographer, \$6; telegrams, \$3.25; postage, \$15				33. 62	
	45	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary: Salary for April			150. 00		
		Samuel S. Fowler, quartermaster general: Salary for April			50. 00		
May 12	46	Lozier Florist, Des Moines, Iowa: Wreath for funeral of Past Commander in Chief Oley Nelson, \$10; tax, 20 cents				10. 20	
	47	Flo Jamison Miller, Monticello, Ill.: G. A. R. appropriation for Grand Army of the Republic southern memorial work					1, 000
23	48	Walt Mabie Print, Philadelphia, Pa.: Imprinting 500 letterheads for commander in chief and adjutant general; postage, \$2.75; 100 letterheads for Treasurer permanent fund, C. H. William Ruhe, \$1.50; postage, 21 cents				4. 46	
25	49	Russell C. Martin, adjutant general: Salary for May			33. 33		
		Office expenses—Telephone and telegrams, \$11.62; rent, \$1; supplies, \$1.75; postage, \$10.25; telegrams sent from Santa Monica, \$3.26				27. 88	
May 25	50	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary: Salary for May			150. 00		
	51	Samuel S. Fowler, quartermaster-general: Salary for May			50. 00		
		Postage				3. 00	
31	52	John A. Medlar Co., Los Angeles: 3,500 Circular Letter No. 1, \$45; sales tax, \$1.35; parcel post, \$8.77				55. 12	

Statement of disbursements for term ending Aug. 10, 1938, by Samuel S. Fowler, quartermaster general—Continued

Date	No.	To whom paid and for what purpose	Supplies	Travel	Salaries	Expenses	General fund	Southern Memorial Fund
1938 June 2 20	53	Overton H. Mennet, commander in chief: Balance traveling appropriation-----		500. 00				
	54	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary: Salary for June-----			150. 00			
	55	Samuel S. Fowler, quartermaster general: Salary for June-----			50. 00			
	56	Russell C. Martin, adjutant general: Salary for June-----			33. 33			
24 July 19	57	John A. Medlar Co., Los Angeles: 3,000 General Orders, No. 4, \$45; 500 manila envelopes and tax, \$6.24; parcel post on General Orders, \$7.42-----				40. 10		
	58	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary: Expenses due to stopovers with commander in chief and adjutant general returning from Gettysburg—Additional railroad and Pullman fare, \$5; hotel and meals in Gettysburg and Des Moines, \$33.10; telegrams and telephones in Gettysburg and Des Moines and en route, \$3.32-----		41. 42		58. 66		
	59	Samuel S. Fowler, quartermaster general: Salary for July-----			50. 00			
	60	Russell C. Martin, adjutant general: Salary for July-----			33. 33			
Aug. 5	61	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary: Salary for July-----			150. 00	33. 85		
	62	Samuel S. Fowler, quartermaster-general: Salary for balance of term-----			66. 67			
		Office supplies and postage-----				5. 00		
	63	Katharine R. A. Flood, secretary: Salary for balance of term-----			200. 00			

64	Russell C. Martin, adjutant general: Salary for balance of term----- Office expenses—Postage, \$10; rent, \$1; supplies, \$2.35; stenographer, \$15----- Total-----	33.26	2,216.55	44.45	28.35	1,502.32	1,000
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SUMMARY

Supplies-----	\$33.26	Southern memorial fund-----	\$1,000.00
Travel-----	2,216.55		
Salaries-----	2,800.00	Total-----	7,552.13
Expenses-----	1,502.32		

Supplies on hand, purchased and remaining on hand for year ending Aug. 10, 1938

Supplies	On hand August 1937	Purchased as per contract	To be ac- counted for	Issued	On hand August 1938
Rules and Regulations-----	1, 209	-----	1, 209	34	1, 175
Amendments to Rules and Reg- ulations-----	-----	1, 000	1, 000	36	964
Rituals-----	19	-----	19	1	18
Officers' cards-----	565	-----	565	-----	565
Service books-----	157	-----	157	-----	157
Odes-----	850	-----	850	-----	850
Applications-----	743	-----	743	-----	743
Leaves of absence-----	721	-----	721	-----	721
Transfers-----	1, 301	-----	1, 301	4	1, 297
Discharges-----	663	-----	663	-----	663
Post charters-----	150	-----	150	-----	150
Descriptive books-----	39	-----	39	-----	39
Blue books-----	8	-----	8	-----	8
Badges-----	280	-----	280	64	216
Rank straps-----	515	-----	515	21	494
Buttons-----	884	-----	884	41	843
Ribbons-----	29 ³ / ₄	-----	29 ³ / ₄	¹ / ₂	¹ 29 ¹ / ₄
Electrotypes-----	8	-----	8	1	7
Comrade at large certificates-----	515	-----	515	-----	515
Department secretary badges-----	-----	35	35	19	16

¹ Pieces.

There have been printed and distributed to the several departments the following “free blanks”:

Forms A and B (report of adjutant and quartermaster)-----	2, 006
Form I (requisitions for supplies)-----	93
Report of post chaplain-----	947
Report of department chaplain-----	64
Report of post patriotic instructor-----	947
Report of department patriotic instructor-----	64
Form H department inspector-----	200

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF PERMANENT FUND

Account of A. T. Anderson, Treasurer of the Permanent Fund,
Grand Army of the Republic, for Period August 14, 1937, to
August 10, 1938

Aug. 14, 1937. Balance on deposit with Union Trust Co. as per state-
ment of C. H. William Ruhe, treasurer----- \$830.02

RECEIPTS

May 20, 1938. Proceeds of sale of \$3,000 P. V. bonds-----	3,494.00
Nov. 1, 1937. Interest on bonds-----	225.00
May 2, 1938. Interest on bonds-----	225.00
May 20, 1938. Interest on bonds-----	3.00
Total receipts-----	4,777.02

DISBURSEMENTS

May 11, 1938. Cost of notary certificate-----	.50
May 31, 1938. Check drawn to quartermaster general-----	4,000.00
June 24, 1938. Cost of 3 notary certificates-----	1.50
Compensation of custodian-----	22.65
Total disbursements-----	4,024.65
Aug. 10, 1938. Cash balance on deposit with Union Trust Co. of Pitts- burgh-----	752.37
Balance invested in securities-----	7,000.00

The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh, depositary for the trustees of the perma-
nent fund of the Grand Army of the Republic, hereby certifies that the above
annual statement to August 10, 1938, is correct and that the balance shown
consists of \$7,000 par value in securities and \$752.37 in cash, of which \$86.98 is
principal and \$665.39 is accrued interest.

THE UNION TRUST CO. OF PITTSBURGH.
By C. A. WANAMAKER, Jr.,
Trust Administrator.

REPORT OF JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL

TAMA, IOWA, *August 1, 1938.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: I herewith submit my report as judge advocate general of the current administration of Commander in Chief Overton H. Mennet.

Reference is here made to the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, as adopted by the national encampment, September 9, 1937, in chapter IV, article VI, which defines the law regulating the duty of the judge advocate general as follows, to-wit:

"Article VI, section 7. The judge advocate general shall perform the duties pertaining to his office and shall render to the commander in chief, and to no other person, an opinion on any question submitted to him."

During the current year of the national administration of the Grand Army of the Republic, I have frequently received, from interested parties, a request for an opinion as judge advocate general, based upon facts stated. In each case I have replied by letter citing the foregoing amended law, with the suggestion that the subject matter inquired about should be submitted to the commander in chief, to be officially disposed of by him, as he may direct.

That no matter pertaining to the Grand Army of the Republic has ever been submitted to the judge advocate general, by the commander in chief, for official decision during the current year of the present administration, therefore the foregoing explanatory report is here made.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity, and loyalty.

JAMES W. WILLETT,
Judge Advocate General.



JAMES W. WILLET
JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL



R. H. HOFFMAN
INSPECTOR GENERAL

REPORT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

DENVER, COLO., *July 1938.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: The Grand Army of the Republic in the years of its large membership carried out the annual inspection with as much precision as in the old army days. Today with its waning numbers its members are content to hold post meetings when considered necessary for the transaction of business and so there are no longer any duties for the department inspectors and hence no reports are made to the inspector general, his office now being merely honorary.

It was my privilege to welcome the commander in chief and his official party when he visited Denver in February and to spend two happy, busy days with them.

I attended the reunion at Gettysburg and found a most amicable spirit existing between the veterans of the North and veterans of the South. It is well that the decision was made that our organization should accept the invitation.

I am indeed grateful to Commander in Chief Overton H. Mennet for appointing me a member of his staff. I believe we are the only two survivors of the 146th Indiana Infantry. I extend my thanks to you for all courtesies extended.

Sincerely in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

R. H. HOFFMAN,
Inspector General.

REPORT OF NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR

SEATTLE, WASH., *July 16, 1938.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: I am enclosing my report as national patriotic instructor of the Grand Army of the Republic for the year. The year's work for me has been very pleasant. I have been called on by our auxiliaries to attend and assist in the presentation of six flags to churches, schools, and Boy Scouts, and in each case the flags were most thankfully received and words of patriotism and faithfulness to our flag expressed. I sent out circular letter calling attention to all our sacred and revered days, with a personal letter to each department patriotic instructor, and such reports as I have received indicate the great patriotic work sweeping the country.

Memorial Sunday all comrades able to attend were taken to church, where patriotic principles and love of flag are taught. Memorial Day, patriotic orders of all classes took part, and after the usual parade proper exercises were held, where competent speakers addressed the people. General Logan's Order and Lincoln's Gettysburg Address were read. A visit to our cemeteries disclosed a flag for each comrade's grave and plenty of beautiful flowers placed thereon. As our ranks are growing thinner, the members of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War assist us, and for the tower of strength they are to our comrades we are indeed thankful.

As time goes, very shortly there will be no comrades strong enough to put on the funeral services, and the Sons will be more required to assist in these sacred duties. Also, in any cause requiring outsiders for any duties, the United Spanish War Veterans respond most cheerfully and do what is required.

One of the most fertile fields for our labors is in the schools, to instill into the young minds of the children the principles of patriotism and love of country. I prefer it to all other labor for good that I can perform. My health being good, I always respond to any call that is made to advance the principles in which we are vitally interested.

Soon the year will draw to a close and we will retire to private life. As it closes we are reminded that our days on earth are growing shorter, and as I look at the range of mountains behind which the fast fading sun sinks from view, I reflect that soon we will go down



RUSTAN O. REED
NATIONAL PATRIOTIC INSTRUCTOR



JOSEPH B. HENNINGER
ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

to rest with the words ringing in our ears, "Well done, thou good and faithful servants, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord." The way is paved for us, and we are ready.

Now, to our commander in chief, Overton H. Mennet, I wish to express my very great appreciation and thanks for the confidence placed in me by appointing me national patriotic instructor.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity, and loyalty.

RUSTAN O. REED,
National Patriotic Instructor.

REPORT OF ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL

INDIANAPOLIS, IND.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: The duties of the office to which I was appointed by Commander in Chief Mennet have been few, but I hope to be of assistance to you during the national encampment.

I attended the splendid celebration at Gettysburg and was amazed and pleased at the spirit of comradeship shown by the men who had served in opposing armies.

I am indeed grateful to our commander in chief for honoring me, a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his native State.

Sincerely in F., C. and L.,

JOSEPH B. HENNINGER,

Assistant Adjutant General.



GEORGE N. LOCKWOOD
CHIEF OF STAFF



J. W. CARROLL
SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP

REPORT OF CHIEF OF STAFF

LOS ANGELES, CALIF., *July 16, 1938.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: The work of the chief of staff is very light during the year, the chief duties coming during the week of the national encampment in connection with the parade, the details of which are now being arranged.

I have been in correspondence with the aides-de-camp during the year and greeted many of them at Gettysburg. I have accompanied the commander in chief on his official visits in the department of California and Nevada during the year, and attended the department encampment at Santa Monica the first week in May.

I attended the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg July 1 to 4 and am especially proud of the honor given me, in my unexpected selection as a member of the Grand Army of the Republic, to unveil the Eternal Peace Monument and light the eternal flame in behalf of the men who served in the Union Army. This will be one of the most precious memories of my life.

I have worked with you and Commander in Chief Mennet in California for many years, and our friendship has been more closely cemented by our association this year. I am deeply grateful for the confidence he placed in me by his appointment of me as his chief of staff.

Sincerely in fraternity, charity, and loyalty,

GEORGE N. LOCKWOOD,
Chief of Staff.

REPORT OF SENIOR AIDE-DE-CAMP

LISBON, N. DAK., *July 13, 1938.*

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,

Adjutant General, Grand Army of the Republic.

MY DEAR COMRADE: In presenting my report of duty performed as senior aide-de-camp during the year 1937-38, I wish first to express to our dear commander in chief, Dr. Overton H. Mennet, my heartfelt appreciation for the honor conferred by appointing me a member of his official staff, and to assure him I have performed my duties to the best of my ability.

Within the State of North Dakota it has been my privilege to visit many of the Woman's Relief Corps organizations and carry the greetings of the commander in chief and urge them in the name of the Grand Army of the Republic to continue to carry forward their splendid patriotic work all down the years.

It was my privilege also to speak before a large group of county teachers and pupils and urge the importance of true patriotism. Again it has been my pleasant duty to speak before district Boy Scout groups and strive to impress upon them the opportunities they have and the service to their country which they can render. Likewise I have been the guest speaker at several meetings of different Kiwanis clubs and have been happy to carry the message and greetings of the National Grand Army of the Republic.

I presided over two Memorial Day services this year. I represented our commander in chief at the Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps of South Dakota, held at Huron June 6-9, and carried his greetings and message to each body. I attended also these same department meetings in North Dakota on June 8-9, representing our commander in chief and carrying his message to each.

On June 14-17 it was again my special privilege to attend the Department Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps of Minnesota, which were held in Minneapolis, and to carry the good wishes and the message of our commander in chief to each body so assembled. It was my pleasure to install the officers-elect of the Grand Army of the Republic of Minnesota and at their campfire meeting to present to their department commander a beautiful commander's badge in behalf of his department, he having been elected to succeed himself. At Minnesota's department encampment another honor to me in representing our commander in chief was the invitation to be one of the guest speakers at the dedication of a beautiful monument erected on the grounds of the Minnesota State Soldiers' Home to the honor of "the youthful

soldiers of the Civil War," a gift of the Department of Minnesota Woman's Relief Corps.

Closing my year it was my privilege to attend the grand reunion of the Blue and Gray at Gettysburg, Pa., June 29 to July 6, where our commander in chief represented our National Grand Army of the Republic in such a creditable way, bringing honor to himself and our splendid order. I wish for him and for you continued good health and trust that the coming national encampment may be all that he hopes for it, in happiness and success. For the many courtesies and kindnesses extended to me throughout my year, I thank all.

Respectfully submitted in fraternity, charity, and loyalty.

J. W. CARROLL,
Senior Aide-de-Camp.

SEVENTY-FIFTH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BATTLE OF GETTYSBURG, JULY 1 TO 4, 1938

This journal would not be complete without mention of the outstanding event in this administration, the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, Pa.

By invitation of the State of Pennsylvania and the United States Government there were encamped on the battlefield more than 1,500 Union veterans of the Civil War and about 500 Confederate veterans, each veteran accompanied by an attendant. Comfortable screened tents, electrically lighted, were furnished with comfortable beds and chairs, and nourishing meals were furnished in the large mess tents.

The veterans and attendants traveled to Gettysburg at the expense of the United States Government, everything being done for their comfort on the journey and while in camp, and by evening of June 30 all veterans had registered.

July 1 was Reunion Day. At the exercises, held in Gettysburg College Stadium, addresses of welcome were given by Hon. George H. Earle, Governor of Pennsylvania, and Hon. Harry H. Woodring, Secretary of War, followed by addresses by the commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Dr. Overton H. Mennet, and the commander in chief of the Confederate Veterans, Gen. John M. Claypool. Following is the address of Commander in Chief Mennet:

Today we are remembering those, who here, such a long time ago, made the supreme sacrifice—some for a cause, which, though lost, was dear to them; a cause, in the loss of which a great people had a rebirth in unity. I see before me a great national military park, where once men lay in agony. Birds unmolested sing merrily where guns once stood. Foe has become friend. The dissensions that precipitated a costly conflict have passed away.

Three-quarters of a century ago it happened. Those of us who remember this place so well are old and the passing years have brought tolerance and forgiveness. The wounds are healed and it is our fervent hope that with our passing not even a scar will remain. May we rest secure in the knowledge that our sons and daughters and their sons and daughters, as integral parts of our great Republic, are working together as one undivided people, giving and taking and understanding, so that this Republic may remain as it is now, a land which is almost strange among the nations of the world today, a country where freedom is, thank God, still a reality. Let our meeting here be an example to all the people of the earth; let it demonstrate that human differences, which excite the deepest emotions of hate, lust, and fear, can also resolve themselves into love and tolerance. Let those who suffered here plead for mutual confidence and peace among men.

None can regret the outcome of that long-past struggle. None with eyes and ears and heart can fail to see the great economic, political, and moral equation that emerged from it. North, South, East, and West—all are now strong in the possession of equal rights, equal opportunities, and of equal value in our Nation. All are united in one front against aggression from without and within.

As commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic it is with peculiar pleasure I sincerely greet you here, Blue and Gray, all assembled under one flag, the Stars and Stripes.



COMMANDERS IN CHIEF AND SECRETARY OF WAR AT GETTYSBURG

JOHN M. CLAYPOOL
COMMANDER IN CHIEF, UNITED CONFEDERATE VETERANS

HARRY H. WOODRING
SECRETARY OF WAR

DR. OVERTON H. MENNET
COMMANDER IN CHIEF GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC



ETERNAL LIGHT PEACE MEMORIAL

DEDICATED JULY 3, 1938, BY FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES

We pray that in the future all acts committed under its precious folds may be wise and brave; may be generous and charitable; that the men and women and boys and girls who now enjoy its protection may forever be worthy of its past.

And now, as under this one banner, the Stars and Stripes, we march together into the sunset of our lives, as together we prepare for the last camp and taps, may God bless each one of you.

July 2 was Veterans' Day. In the afternoon there was a parade of all units from the Regular Army camp in full field equipment, uniformed bands and drum corps of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, United Spanish War Veterans, Disabled American Veterans, the Federal and State commissions, and distinguished guests. In the evening, addresses were given by the national commanders of the above organizations and Commander in Chief Mennet was called on to sing "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground," accompanied by the Marine Band.

July 3, Sunday, at 7:30 a. m., there was a military field mass in Gettysburg College Stadium with sermon by Rev. William F. Culhane, of Mount St. Mary's College, Emmitsburg, Md., the son of a Union veteran of the Civil War. At 10 a. m., memorial services were held in the college stadium with sermon by Rev. Joseph Fort Newton, of Philadelphia, Pa., the son of a Confederate veteran.

At 6:30 p. m. came the greatest event of the reunion—the dedication by the President of the United States of the Eternal Light Peace Memorial, the idea for which originated on the battlefield of Gettysburg during the fiftieth anniversary of the battle in July 1913, which was attended only by survivors of the battle, and the idea was brought to fruition at the seventy-fifth anniversary by the Gettysburg commission and its executive secretary, Paul L. Roy. From early morning the crowds had been gathering in the vicinity of the peace memorial and at 6:30 p. m., when President Roosevelt arrived, it was estimated that more than 200,000 people were gathered on the slopes around the memorial.

Immediately after the dedicatory address by Franklin D. Roosevelt, President of the United States, the Memorial was unveiled by a veteran of the Union Army, George N. Lockwood, of Los Angeles, and a veteran of the Confederate Army, who also pressed the buttons which lighted the eternal flame of natural gas, which will burn through the years, showing to the world, in the words of the poet of the Confederate Army—

Brothers of the blood are we,
Brothers evermore to be.

Monday, July 4, was Regular Army Day and the veterans were taken to view a demonstration by the Regular Army units. I would that I were able to show here the varying expressions on the faces of the men as they watched the air demonstration and the tank demonstration, the cavalry drill, and the fast gun and artillery squadron and battery drill.

In the evening the veterans sat in their comfortable armchairs in front of their tents and watched the aerial demonstration and the fireworks display on Oak Hill.

While it was anticipated that there would be some sickness and some deaths, because of the advanced age of the veterans and the long distance traveled by some, the medical officers in the camp were

amazed at condition of the men. No deaths occurred during the reunion, but five veterans who had been ill during the reunion died in Gettysburg, following the close of the camp; two on July 7, two on July 8, and one on July 9, two of them being Confederate veterans and three, Union veterans. This was a remarkable record and was due in a large measure to the care and attention given all veterans and particularly those who did not appear to be in first-class condition.

Throughout the camp there was a spirit of comradeship evidenced between the men of the South and men of the North and the blue uniforms were seen in the Confederate Camp and the gray uniforms in the Union Camp. History does not record another instance in which men of opposing armies have met on a battlefield in reunion, and the world has marveled at the sight of such a reunion and almost doubted before the meeting that men would be able to meet again 75 years after a battle in which they participated.

By evening of July 6 all veterans had left the camp and were homeward bound, tired but happy, gloriously happy, and grateful to all who had contributed to their comfort and happiness. And so, all too soon, will come to them as to the shadowy army which has preceded them

Softly like a benediction,
After clouds and thunderclaps,
Like a balm for restless spirits
Will come the soothing call of "Taps."
For, at last, when weary laden
With the burden of the years,
When the world has little worry
For the soldier and his fears,
As he rests at mute "Attention"
On the last round of his laps,
Softly, solemn, sad, and tender
Will come the farewell call of "Taps."

THE EDITOR.

MEMORIAL SERVICES
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**JOINT MEMORIAL SERVICES IN THE SHRINE TEMPLE,
DES MOINES, IOWA, SUNDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER
4, 1938, 8 P. M.**

Mr. Arthur H. Brayton, of Des Moines, presiding.

Music: United States Marine Band, Capt. Taylor Branson, leader.

Chairman BRAYTON. Good evening, ladies and gentlemen, we are very happy to have you here tonight. You have come, as we all know, to honor the Grand Army of the Republic in its Seventy-second national encampment held here in Des Moines. You have just been enjoying music by the famed United States Marine Band. As the first formal number on the program we are going to have another selection by the band, "Grand Army Patrol." [Music by the band.]

The invocation will be given by the Rev. Wallace Essingham, of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Des Moines.

Rev. WALLACE ESSINGHAM. Shall we bow our heads? Our Father and our God, Thou art always more ready to hear than we are to pray, more ready to give than we are to receive. And Thou art love, and Thou art wisdom, and Thou knowest all about us and our purpose in gathering here.

But we would look up to Thee in gratitude for the blessings that we enjoy in this great Nation. We would ask Thee to make us truly grateful, that we may show forth our gratitude not only with our lips but in lives truly dedicated to service.

We pray Thee that Thou wilt fashion into one great Nation the people whom Thou hast brought hither to this land of every kindred and tongue. May we be found a people always ready and glad to do Thy will.

Bless, we pray Thee, those to whom in Thy name we entrust the authority of government. May they have wisdom to know and strength to do that which is right.

Our Father, tonight especially do we unite our hearts and our hands as we seek to bring down a blessing upon these venerated heads who gather together here during this week. Bless those who have come. May Thy blessing and Thy protection still guard those who are on the way. May they feel the warmth of our loving affection while they are here and may they be carried back safely to their homes with blessed memories of this encampment.

May the beautiful tradition of their great sacrifice be ever before us, and, as they have shown the way, may we carry on to make this Nation of ours truly free.

Bless every part of this program tonight, and especially do we ask Thee to let Thy blessing rest upon those whom we love but see no longer. As these floral tributes are placed may our prayers follow them upon their unseen way. We know that they are safe in Thy

love and in Thy keeping. God bless them and keep them. May they go from strength to strength in that everlasting kingdom.

May the exercises of this evening have an especial abiding place in firm resolutions of love and devotion to our country in the hearts of each one of us. We ask for Thy Great Name's sake. Amen.

Chairman BRAYTON. Friends, this is a thrilling occasion tonight, not only for the comrades and the affiliated organizations who are here but for all of us who are privileged to participate in this really outstanding program. Des Moines is proud and happy that this is the fourth time we have had the pleasure and privilege of entertaining the Grand Army of the Republic—first in 1922, again in 1926, then in 1931, and now in September 1938.

Now you are going to participate in and witness a memorial service which always takes place on the first evening of the encampment. This memorial service has a deep significance, and yet it compends and links together a touch of both joy and sadness—joy that those of the comrades who are here are with us tonight, and sadness for those who have departed.

We have prepared and outlined a program that we are sure you will enjoy and appreciate. We want you all to participate in it with us. We are going to have some music now by an organization that is well known in Des Moines and the Middle West—the Shrine Chanters—and their number will be *The Lord Is My Shepherd*. [Selection rendered.]

You will hear from the Shrine Chanters again, and I am sure you will enjoy them. That was Miss Louise Moore who so fittingly accompanied them on the piano.

Now we come to a very impressive and a very dramatic part of this program. A memorial is to commemorate, something to remember the comrades by who have answered the final roll call. This is interesting and fascinating and worthy a moment in connection with the program in which we are participating tonight at this Seventy-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Seventy-seven years ago, in 1861, there were three and a half million Boys in Blue who answered the call to arms and who served faithfully and well from 1861 to 1865—three and a half million. On July 1 of this year, according to the official figures in Washington, there were just 5,000, Grand Army and all, veterans of the Civil War living.

Tonight the Grand Army of the Republic honors the comrades who have departed during this past year, or since the last encampment in Madison, Wis., a year ago, and you will now see a beautiful tribute given—a beautiful five-pointed star formed by each of the organizations. That first, of course, is the Grand Army of the Republic. Each member representing these organizations, the national presidents or commander in chief will step forward, take one of the points of the star, and place it so as to form a perfect star—a perfect memorial tribute.

First and always will be Dr. Overton H. Mennet, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. The body of the star is a memorial to the Grand Army of the Republic.

Now the first point is presented and placed on the star by Mrs. Elizabeth Kothe, the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps. The Woman's Relief Corps forms the first part of the star of which the Grand Army of the Republic is the heart. The second point placed, and representing the memorial to the deceased members of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, is placed by Mrs. Orpha M. Whitaker, national president. The star is beginning to assume form. The heart, the Grand Army of the Republic, is there. Now we have two points from the Woman's Relief Corps and the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic. Now Mrs. Mary M. Manning, national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, will place the third point. The Daughters of Union Veterans contribute their memorial in this beautiful star. Now the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, by their commander in chief, Mr. William Allan Dyer. The Sons of Union Veterans contribute their point. Now to complete the star the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, represented by their national president, Mrs. Margaret C. Brady. Behold, the star is completed! The completed star, of which the Grand Army is the heart, and the five points always with them.

This star will remain forever in our hearts, even though the flowers may fade. We appreciate the memorial representing the comrades who have passed on.

And now again, music by Capt. Taylor Branson and these all-star United States Marine bandsters.

(Music: United States Marine Band.)

Chairman BRAYTON. I have a brief announcement I would like to make before introducing the gentleman who will make the memorial address of the evening. If those who are in Des Moines have registered at their hotel, that will be satisfactory. If you have also registered at the central information bureau at the courthouse, that will be satisfactory. But if you have registered only at your hotel, that will suffice.

Chairman Greenwalt of the transportation committee asks me to announce that we need cars, and especially for tonight to take the comrades back to their hotels immediately after this meeting. And if those of you who are here and have your cars will report to the Boy Scouts outside afterwards they will be glad to take advantage of your generosity and make your cars available to take the comrades home. We are also in need of cars for the parade on Wednesday morning, September 7, at 10 o'clock, and if you can possibly allow us to use your car or let us use it with you as the driver we will greatly appreciate your calling Chairman Greenwalt. That is the gentleman who is familiarly known as "Kelly." He occupies the very strategic position of treasurer of Polk County. So call him at his office in the courthouse and give him the good news that you will be glad to make your car available. Express it tonight by making it available immediately after the meeting.

You have seen a dramatic and beautiful spectacle of a memorial to the departed comrades. This is a memorial service. As I said, it expresses memory, and we are very happy to be able to introduce to you now Rev. Dr. Fredrick J. Weertz, of St. John's Lutheran

Church, Des Moines, who will deliver the memorial address. Dr. Weertz.

Dr. WEERTZ [reading]:

I wonder if ever the rose remembers the days gone by,
I wonder if melody blows from leaves that have perished and dried.
Ah, God makes His roses so sweet,
Their fragrance is shed when the summer is dead, is dead.
But life is the birthday of tears,
Roses are shed on its way.
May all that endears and endures be gathered, garnered as they,
For God makes His roses so sweet,
Their fragrance is shed when the givers are dead, are dead.

"In the beauty," said the inspired writer of yesterday who has gone to her rest, when she, too, paid her tribute to this organization that brings us together tonight in this peculiar way, perhaps for the last time. But whether it is the last time or not, the inspiration of the lives that have made their sacrifice on the yesterday shall be an ideal for us for all the ages to come [reading]:

In the beauty of the lilies,
Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom
That transfigures you and me.
As He died to make men holy,
Let us die to make men free,
For God is marching on.

America, the home for God's blessed freedmen, is my simple subject this night, and I take my inspiration from an ancient text. When Jesus looked into the hearts of a few men who believed in Him, and He said to those Jews that believed in Him, "If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

The underlying destiny—the first point of our simple message tonight—the underlying destiny that brought into existence the grandest nation that ever has come from the hand of the Almighty Creator. I have just finished a 4,500-mile trip through our national parks of the West. You stand in that particular district outside of Deadwood and Lead, S. Dak., and they will point to you a hundred square miles, and rightfully, in that gold center. They will tell you that it is the richest region in all of the world. That is the truth.

Stand with me in the redwoods of California and catch the inspiration of those great trees. If on the yesterday the men who wrote God's everlasting word—"Heaven and earth shall pass away, but this word shall not pass away." "If we continue in my word then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

But no man can write beautiful poetry, no man can catch the inspiration of Heaven itself and translate it in action, excepting there is first a blessing from Heaven that has come into the soul.

I think that I can appreciate the beauties of the Holy Land, but when I look at Mount Hermon and the Lebanon Mountains, and they speak about the cedars of Lebanon. They are nothing but shrubs compared to the Douglas firs of Oregon and the Sequoias of California. I say this is the most blessed land that God has ever smiled upon in all history.

They tell you of the beauty of the Lake of Galilee, and we would not depreciate from the inspiration that comes from the fellowship associated with that wonderful lake. But turn your eyes tonight to the five Great Lakes. Nothing like it on the face of the earth. And God has thrown in for good luck the majestic Norway pines of Minnesota and 10,000 extra lakes in Michigan, in Wisconsin, and Minnesota.

You speak about the majesty of the mountains. Where do you find such mountains as we have in our own blessed America? Nowhere on the face of the earth do you find anything such as the system of roads as we have in America. The Romans spoke about the Great Way that led from the center of Rome to the sea. It is nothing but a side road compared to the majesty of this magnificent system of roads that we have in America. Go with me tonight and take that grand drive 50 miles out of Denver, and you go up——

Twenty years ago we had no national park there. Since then we have created 26 national parks. Ah, the Europeans will tell you as you look down upon Lake Lucerne, "It is the most beautiful body of water on earth." Lucerne has become commercialized.

We won't depreciate the grandeur of the Alps, but that already has been history for a thousand years. Stand with me tonight south of the Yellowstone National Park and look at that body of water, Jackson Lake—28 miles long, 12 miles wide, a hundred beautiful islands, and the Grand Tetons in a hundred ways surpass the grandeur of the Alps.

And may I go into ecstasy tonight because of the wonders of this land? No. From all of eternity God has prepared this land for a definite and distinct purpose. Go with me into the caverns and there you will see the stalagmites and the stalactites, and the geologist will tell you that God was 988 millions of years in creating beauty for the human eye. Where can you find anything so beautiful as Mammoth Cave and the Carlsbad Cavern? Men tell you to go to Europe. I wish that you would learn the beauties of our own wonderful land. And I could go on as you stand with me tonight at the brink of the canyon, and the lover of Nature said, "Behold God's hand as it has been at work for a billion years." The beauty, the grandeur of our own America! It is a gift of God and has been a gift of God to free men.

And we could continue and speak about the Yellowstone National Park, the wonders of which no man shall ever be able to fully explain—a gift of God of beauty and majesty. If you stand today in that desert region in Wyoming and you see those great oil wells, you will know that God's hand has been visited upon us for a scientific advantage to bring blessings to men who projected their souls out in blessed rhythm and in communion with His own eternal thinking. "If ye continue in my word ye are My disciples; and you shall know the truth, and it shall make you free."

It was not, though, until in the fullness of time that God planted a seed in the heart of that Genoese sailor and he started. And when his men rebelled he wrote in the log of that ship, "This day we went westward." And from that time to this, civilization in the truest sense has been moving forward and westward. And when he discovered that little island which was to become the home of the brave and the

home of freemen, he named it San Salvador, which meant salvation through a faith in the living God.

Again, a hundred years or so later, there was a group of people in England. They wanted to worship God according to the dictates of their conscience, and those men said, "Let's seek out for ourselves a place where we can worship God in the beauty of holiness." And Reverend Robinson stood before our Pilgrim fathers and he braved the dangers of the sea. They came to that bleak, rock-bound coast, and they made themselves a home in the wilderness. But it was a home of freemen, and soon there came into being one of the greatest Nations that is tonight on the face of the earth.

Washington served our land well. I say that America is a home of God's blessed freemen, and when the union was formed and when those men wrote down their convictions in that memorable document, the Constitution of the United States, Washington felt in his own heart when he came to the sunset of his magnificent life, he said, "I loathe slavery. I would to God that my own blessed State, Virginia, would take the lead in the next onward step that was so necessary for the preservation of this spirit of freemen and of love." But it was not until the days of 1860. There was a man that was born in a log cabin, a true man who breathed the spirit of freedom in the highest degree. He was a lover of all men, and one day he stood before the world. And when he stood before the world in the fullness of time he said when the clergymen of Springfield—out of 26 clergymen of that day, 23 voted against Lincoln. Lincoln, God's appointed prophet, in the fullness of time said, "I cannot understand why these men did not have the vision." But God raised out of the soil a man who stood for conviction, and brought about that necessary adjustment that today still continues to make us a Nation of freemen.

And Lincoln definitely said, "I cannot understand why these men have not caught the light of Heaven. It is as clear to me," said this man, and I think that he was the greatest man of prayer in our national life in that particular time. I would not depreciate the spirit of Washington. I stood at Valley Forge, and I know what it means for a man to wrestle in prayer with the great problems of life. But it is authoritatively stated that Lincoln spent 1 hour every day of his active life in the presidency upon the knees of prayer.

"It is as clear to me," said Lincoln, "as a direct revelation from Heaven itself, that slavery and the Government cannot continue together."

And you answered the call. We love you. Tonight we wish to speak a word of sincere appreciation for all that you blessed leaders of the yesterday have meant unto us.

When on the top of Pikes Peak a man stood by my side at the highest point in the observation house. He looked around and he said, "What desolation." And I turned around and I said to that man, "What grandeur." He said, "Nothing but rocks." That is all that he saw was desolation. And I went down from that point and I went between a crevice and I picked out a little flower far above the timber line. There was a little blue forget-me-not. And at the highest point of the highest road in America where some men see desolation God had placed His forget-me-nots. And tonight we would be grateful for every blessing that has been ours out of this magnificent sacrifice and achievement that has come out of the past.

Ah, yes, God has His forget-me-nots. How beautiful it is then tonight to speak this word of tribute. Lincoln was absolutely convinced that the light of Heaven had broke open his soul, and I am convinced that that is the truth. And we are convinced as a Nation that that is and was the truth. "If ye continue in My word ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

"A house divided against itself"—taken from the inspiration of this word—"cannot stand," said Lincoln. Blair called him "the bloody butcher," and Lincoln said: "If it takes all of the blood of free men we shall shed that on the altar of sacrifice." And God is marching on tonight.

We have erected our memorial at Washington. How beautiful it is. I do not believe that there is a more beautiful building on the face of the earth. I thought when I saw the Parthenon and the Pantheon on top of the Athenian hill that I had seen the acme of beauty. But how beautiful it is that a Nation in gratitude has erected a memorial to him who spoke those words so beautifully engraved behind that great statue, "With malice toward none and charity toward all"—an inspiration that God had given. That expression, there was only one thought that he had in mind, and that was to preserve this land for other men.

The other day as we went through the tunnels we saw that magnificent monument coming out of the great rocks at Rushmore in the Black Hills. We said, "A Nation is still paying her tribute to a great character." And I do not believe that this Nation shall ever go down as long as men dig deep in the wells of inspiration of the past and they carry that which is good into the better tomorrows. Washington could not complete all. It took the Grand Army of the Republic with as wonderful a character and prophet as God has ever given to the world.

When I spoke to the assistant postmaster of Cairo, Egypt, he said: "The greatest liberator on the face of the earth is Abraham Lincoln." What an inspiration to men who do not know liberty. It may seem a little thing to you who are here tonight that you can start from New York and go to California without being interrupted. But take a trip through Europe, through northern Africa, through the Near East. In part of the world as soon as you come to a border you have to take out your passports and they examine you. There is only one land on the face of the earth where you go unmolested wherever you please, and that is in our own blessed land.

I wonder really—I wonder tonight if we truly appreciate this blessed heritage. I wonder if we really enter into the spirit of that symbol that is before us. Red for the blood that has been shed, white for purity, blue for the beneficent hand of God so freely shed upon a great Nation and a great people. And the star is our inspiration for evermore. It is fitting tonight that you are having this emblem of the star. "They that be wise," says the writer in this beautiful book—"they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness and set men free shall shine as the stars forever and forever."

And our task is not completed. I am not a pessimist, even though sometimes we are facing discouraging moments. A man said to me: "The saddest page in America's history is the degradation of womanhood at this hour." There have been such periods before. America

has gone wild on the drink question. And here we have the writer of *Green Pastures* who portrays for us a Negro heaven where the Angels have a catfish fry and the Angel Gabriel passes out 10-cent cigars. That may be an ideal for some, and some may have the conception that they are going to have a heaven where they shall have a cocktail lounge—but not the lovers of truth and of liberty.

I want to tell you that there is as fine an idealism in the heart of the leaders of America today as there has ever been. There are changes that come to put America to the test but she is going to meet it. One man who returned from Europe—he was close to the situation at Versailles—said: "They took President Wilson for a ride. Clemenceau, the tiger; Orlando, the wise, and Lloyd George, the shrewd, put one over on the President of this United States." But listen to me. It was not an idle dream. I believe that out of this blessing that God has guarded us in the days past. I believe out of the land of the free there shall come a spirit of tomorrow that shall ultimately bring the ideals of the veterans in the World War to a definite conclusion. You cannot tell me that those men went out excepting for one thought, and though today it may seem a byword to make the world free for democracy, I believe that ideal shall yet come to its ultimate consummation. [Applause.]

And I have no use tonight for pessimism. We thank God for the sacrifice, Commander, and everyone of you at the head of every division that is here. We thank you for the love bestowed upon those of the past, and we drink deep at the fountain of inspiration tonight. Jesus said to those men before Him: "If ye continue in my word ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." And the light of heaven shall yet break upon a leader of this particular generation that shall bring to its ultimate consummation the ideals of true Americanism.

And now I come quickly and hurriedly to my conclusion, for surely a speaker must be limited, and it is a pity that we cannot bring to you the full inspiration of our hearts tonight. One of you said to me tonight: "This last year has been the greatest tragedy for the Grand Army of the Republic. So many of them have gone home." That is true as far as the ranks becoming thinner and thinner.

Despotism in Europe tonight says, "There is nothing above the state." The true American who realizes this land is a gift of God knows definitely that this is the greatest opportunity that has ever come to men. There is something above the state, and God alone is great; and every true lover of liberty and every man who knows the history of our Nation recognizes that truth. You have nothing to fear. You have served well. The great inspirer of these words of my text tonight says: "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

If God has given to us this beauty in this wonderful land, do you think—you with great hearts tonight whom we honor—do you think that God is going to disappoint you? Jesus said, "In my father's house are many mansions. If it were not so I would have told you." He spoke on this subject of home as no one has ever spoken. And God gave to us our earthly homes; God gave to us our national homes; God gave to us our church homes, where every man this night in this blessed land can worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. But thanks be to God who giveth to us the everlasting home.

"In my father's house are many mansions. I go to prepare a place for you."

Oley Nelson, our past commander, has gone home. For 18 years we have stood at the grave of God's splendid veterans who have meant so much, and every time I stand at the grave I utter these words: "I believe in the resurrection of the dead and the life everlasting." I believe in a God who has given to us the spirit of liberty, and I am very anxious that we perpetuate that spirit in the zeal of true Americanism.

Lead on, O King Eternal. The day of march has come. Henceforth in field of conquest Thy tents shall be our home. Through years of tribulation and of preparation and of inspiration Thy love has made us strong. And now, O King Eternal, America of 1938, realizing the sacrifice that has been made, the blessings that have been poured out, tonight anew in this sacred and holy hour, inspired by all of that which has come to us as a blessing of the past, we raise anew our battle song, and "if ye shall continue in my word ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." Amen.

Chairman BRAYTON. I am sure that I express the concurrence of opinion of everyone here tonight in thanking Dr. Weertz most sincerely for his particularly eloquent and particularly appropriate address. Now, we will have two more numbers from the Shrine Chanters.

The chanters then sang Land of Mine and Thanks be to God.

Chairman BRAYTON. Thank you very much, members of the Shrine Chanters. We enjoyed that, and I know that everyone will be very glad to know that you have participated in this delightful occasion this evening. It is a delightful occasion. It is quite an unusual one. I am sure we are all getting a thrill out of it.

Dr. Weertz in his very appropriate address took us in spirit at least to the uttermost parts of the earth, and also told us something of the beauty of this land of ours—Land of Mine that the chanters have sung to us. I want to call your attention to the fact that we have represented here on the platform tonight people from almost every section of this land of mine and yours, and we are proud of it. We are very proud and happy that they have come to Des Moines again. We are especially pleased to be able to entertain them.

I want to tell you now before we have the second portion of our memorial service about the different sections of the country from which the national officers come, and then as I introduce each officer in the second section of the memorial service I want to tell you particularly the city and State too, so that we will know just where they live and be able to welcome them with much more cordiality if such a thing is possible in Iowa.

Dr. Mennet—Overton H. Mennet, commander in chief—is a Californian—by adoption, however. He is really a native of Indiana. But he has lived in California for a good many years.

We are particularly proud of the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Elizabeth Kothe, because she is from Iowa—Parkersburg. Mrs. Orpha Whitaker, the national president of the Ladies of the G. A. R., is from the East—Camden, N. J.; while Mrs. Mary M. Manning, national president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, is from the other coast—Seattle. So you see we

extend from the Atlantic to the Pacific, just as the words of the song have it.

This distinguished-looking gentleman on my left is Mr. William Allan Dyer, commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans, from the Empire State, Syracuse, N. Y., while his charming contemporary, Mrs. Margaret C. Brady, president of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans, is from New York—Albany. So you see we are well represented here tonight.

Now, we have the second part of the memorial service. The first portion you might say consisted of deeds—deeds whereby the national officers formed that beautiful star. But as they used to say “deeds, not words,” we contradict that tonight and say that in this second portion we have both deeds and words, and now we are going to have some very appropriate memorial words in this memorial service by others of the national officers of these organizations represented here tonight. And for the first tribute to the comrades who have passed on I am very proud and happy to present Rev. Martin V. Stone, chaplain in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Jamestown, N. Y. Reverend Stone.

Chaplain in Chief STONE. This moment in these memorial services brings anew an awakening, not of emotions and resolutions alone, but an awakening of the facts that we are beings having to do with not only a nation's interests but, as has already been stated repeatedly, world's affairs.

The year has been one, as was mentioned a few moments ago, perhaps the most tragic as related to our own organization and its affiliates that we have met. It was tragedy that brought me to the position that I have been pursuing during the year. It was tragedy which, coming to your own Department of Iowa, took one of the most beloved of our national officers, Past Commander in Chief Oley Nelson. It took also a very delightful and beautiful and noble life when your department commander's wife went out so suddenly, and a few weeks later he followed; and then, as was mentioned, our national president of the Woman's Relief Corps also came to the very portal of departure through the tragic events touching their lives. And this might be expanded until we could name more than 20 incidents, every one of which has not only been tragic in some measure but has been very serious in its effects upon our own life. But I will not detain you to consider this, because I believe there are more vital considerations before us, and one of them may be illustrated, perhaps, by the thought that we are so peculiarly related to Him whose image we bear that we are able to labor together with Him in carrying forward the high ideals of His redemptive purpose that truth ever, despite all else, somehow survives; for when we meet a little child and attempt to speak to that child, as it looks up into our eyes and with bended ear listens for the word, that child expects that we shall speak words of truth. And wherever need makes its appeal, if we offer something more than sympathy in a purpose of helpfulness, the expectation of the recipient is that we will do our best in the most helpful possible way. And I might go on and enumerate other suggestions of the native vital truths, fruits, and powers living in our lives that affected, not in merely making manhood or

womanhood about us but creating in our very presence and unfolding in ever-widening circles the purpose and the power and the beauty and the glory of those lives who, obedient to the inspirations that come from the source of our being, touch our lives, awakening them not only to the best that we may attempt but the most that each of us may possibly attempt to perform, and our thought of progress, our hope is not alone.

The same emblem—the one at my right—shall indicate that there was a day when the morning stars were singing over the victories of creative triumph and that other moment, still more significant, when a star was seen that appealed to him above all the rest and led to the cradle where another form was lain, which, unfolding in its strength, its beauty, its triumphant glory, presented to us better than words can announce, better than any persuasion can possibly appeal, that something which in its last appeal said, “If you cannot believe my word, believe me for the very works’ sake.” And it is this principle that, coming and touching and awakening the lives of men and women give to us the heroes whose service, growing of their devotion, obedient to a divine inspiration, brings an hour like this and all repeated hours, too, when we pause for a little time to think of the possibilities of human accomplishment, of the glory, of the victories that are won because some lives catch that inspiration that life is risen and possibly—yea, more than—the certain advancement of the truth.

That is again and again repeated to you tonight. It is not only to make people free but lift them up to the exalted position where they are worthy to our advancing race, and the beauty and the glory of their association with our own lives touches us with such a power that we are awakening to a new endeavor and we have a new hope and we resolve to pursue the purpose to make with our lives greater beauty, broadened freedom, and a happier life for all.

Chairman BRAYTON. Thank you, Dr. Stone. Dr. Stone, as you know, is chaplain in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Now we are to have added memorial addresses from the national chaplains of each of the associated organizations. Dr. Stone was from New York State, a stalwart son of New York State. Now we have one of California’s daughters, Mrs. Lavina M. Stanley, national chaplain of the Woman’s Relief Corps, Whittier, Calif.

Mrs. STANLEY. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief, and comrades dear, heads of all patriotic organizations, as chaplain of the National Woman’s Relief Corps it becomes my very sincere duty and my very sacred and precious privilege on behalf of this organization, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, to pay loving tribute to the memory of dear comrades and past commanders having passed on from works to reward during the past year, and tonight we do honor and we do emulate the lives and character of these men whom we dearly love and cherish—these for whom we are organized—these who fought in many a battle—and won many a victory. These who have given true patriotism a vitality that found expression in unlimited service; these who declared “Our liberties we prize and our rights we will maintain.” These who carried Old Glory to heights of fame and placed it on the pinnacle of liberty, justice, and freedom.

Until today our national emblem floats bravely out over the homes of your land and my land, over our institutions of learning and our places of industry, and tonight in this sacred service as we behold its beauty once more, we think in terms of sincere devotion, we think in terms of great confidence, we think in terms of deepest regard for the members of the Grand Army of the Republic, for, figuratively speaking, deep within the folds of our banner, and yea, even woven into its colors, are the profound adoration, the very deep sense of love that permeates the mind and hearts of thousands of members of the Woman's Relief Corps, auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic, the grandest and noblest men the Nation has ever known.

Again as history repeats itself, and as memory, "the only friend that grief can call her own," takes us back over the trail through the past year and we recall to mind these words:

The tide rises, the tide falls,
The twilight deepens, the curfew calls.

We who have stood on the shores of the great Pacific yonder in the Golden West, and you who have stood likewise on the shores of the great Atlantic in the East, will realize the oncoming rush of the tide, the magnitude and limitless power, the daring of the bounding waves at the scheduled time for the high tide, and we stand in utter amazement and we marvel at the situation. And so vividly and impressively the whole situation reminds us of the daring courage, the fearless struggles, the heroic deeds of the Grand Army of the Republic when they surged to the front in defense of right and justice.

And then by and by the tide lowers, the water recedes, and all seems quiet and restful and peaceful, just breaking into gentle waves here and there that calms the weary soul, that allays all fears, and the placid, peaceful waters of the great deep speak comfort and cheer to the tired hearts. And just so in the lives of our beloved comrades there comes a time of peace that follows after struggles, that follows after the storm of life and after the hardships and suffering when they have had the joy of living in peaceful quietude and serene surroundings.

And then—and then after the tide rises, and the tide falls, the twilight deepens—and the curfew calls. The great, strong and mighty hand of God, our Father, grasps firmly the rope of time, and with His strong and powerful right arm He swings the heavenly curfew bell out into the nighttime and across the great Nation, and He calls in that tender and loving voice, "My child, my 'Boys in Blue,' your Commander is calling to you. My children, all come in out of the darkness, come in out of the falling dew of the nighttime. Curfew calls, the hour is at hand. Come in off of the streets, off of the dangerous highways, and into the glorious mansion prepared for you. Come up and away from the changing things of earth. Come with Me into the Father's house above where the bright lights of eternal joy forever shine, and where over in the glory world, the homeland yonder in the heavens, there awaits a beautiful crown of life, and listen to My voice as the curfew rings. My evening star yonder in the heavens will be the guiding star along your pathway home."

And this symbol of a star before us tonight of which we of the Woman's Relief Corps are to be one of the true guiding points, and

as we think and ponder over its significance and its meaning we also behold its beauty and its timely setting. In comparison we lift our eyes to the evening star yonder in the heavens, surrounded by millions and myriads of other stars that shine out, and with the brilliant evening star that seems to speak to one's inner soul when it moves and glistens and dazzles like a rich, expensive diamond.

We are reminded of the Star of Bethlehem that guided the wise men in the East. We are also reminded of the motto of the dear State of Kansas: "To the stars through difficulties." How impressive and how much of meaning for us all when we know that the East meets West and North meets South in this sacred service, and it must have a double meaning in the lives of our Grand Army of the Republic, both living and dead. "To the stars through difficulties."

And tonight, as we place in loving memory one point in the star for our dear comrades, we say in sincerity and in truth:

O valiant hearts, who to their glory came,
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
Tranquil they lie, their knightly virtue proved.
Their memory hallowed in the land they loved.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,
Whose cross has bought them, and whose star hath led,
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land
Commits her comrades to Thy gracious hand.

Chairman BRAYTON. It is now a pleasure and a privilege to present Mrs. Eunice Rash, national chaplain, Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, from the Sunflower State, Thayer, Kans.

Mrs. RASH. The glory of the Grand Army of the Republic is our heritage; against slavery and bondage to an oppressed people they erected freedom; against disruption they brought a constellation of the States and a united people. The wail of fear and hatred gave place to love and confidence.

Under their trampling the earth trembles like a floor beaten with flails.

In this fair land of ours, greed, corruption, distrust, hold sway in the highest places and the holiest and the end no man can tell; but this I know: They may reduce America as an almond broken with hammers, and devour democracy which is the oil and sweetness thereof; yet the glory of the Grand Army of the Republic will remain a light in the heavens overhead out of reach; for their history is a history of God who wrote with their hands, spake with their tongues, and was himself in all the good they did, even the least! and there was one who dwelt with them—Lincoln, the lawgiver on Sinai, who was in the wilderness a guide, in war a captain, in government a President; who once and again pushed back the curtains of war and there shone a light intolerably bright.

As a man speaking to men he showed them the light and the way to happiness and made them promises binding the strength of his greatness with covenants sworn to everlasting.

Could it be that they with Jehovah thus dwelt, and derived nothing from him? That in their lives and deeds the common human qualities should not in some degree be mixed and colored with the Divine? That their genius should not have in it even after the lapse of ages, some little of heaven?

I always think of the value of a good and great man's life in the march of life. I see the generations from the beginning, numberless, as they go and all the time from the far front back over the line of march as well as forward into the farthest future, streams a light of which the wranglers know nothing, except that it is forever leading them on—the light of revelation.

Who were they who carried this light through the days of '61 to '65? Ah, the Grand Army of the Republic. How our hearts leap at the thought by the light we know them. Thrice blessed, O our Fathers, servants of God, keepers of the covenant. If such speech be reverent, how shall we judge Jehovah unless it be by what his servants have done in His name? And, as for what you and I shall do, let us serve the Lord, the Lord God of our fathers—not communism, not greed and distrust for a child of Abraham. There is no glory except in the Lord's ways, and in them there is much glory.

Today we have with us only a remnant of what was once that vast Grand Army of the Republic. Like the sands on the seashore, carried out by each receding wave, the Grand Army is daily, hourly passing into eternity. Only too soon the last one will have gone from earthy vision. The campfire will be out; taps will sound; the post room will be locked for aye—there will be no Grand Army of the Republic save in memory.

Taps! The close of the soldier's life;
 The last call o'er his grave;
 In clear majestic melody
 Honoring the life he gave.
 It rings around the world tonight,
 For the Grand Army of the Republic who are gone,
 And it seems an answer to angels' tones
 That great resurrection dawn.
 Down from the star-lit blue o'er head
 An answering call seems blown,
 Fraught with hope for the Grand Army whose life
 On the fields the war has sown.
 And the Grand Army who wait to give their lives
 That humanity shall not decay
 Fall smiling asleep as the last, long tone
 Softens—and dies away.

Chairman BRAYTON. Thank you for that very beautiful tribute. Now may I present the national chaplain of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Lillian Gardiner, also from California, the Golden State.

Mrs. GARDINER. Commander in chief, comrades, ladies, and gentlemen, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War are always happy and proud to honor the memory of the Grand Army of the Republic. They have been our foundation. Without them we would not have been. As we stop to pay a tribute to their honor tonight we find ourselves at a loss for words. Truly, fancy words would not cover what we feel about the lives of these men.

All of these years they have been such a strong, sturdy group of men. They answered the call of their beloved leader and went forth to battle for a principle that they thought was right, and surely it must have been right. They won for each and every one of us the legacy we have had, and they have carried on all of these years in

the same strong sturdy way. It seems that we might well liken them to the Builder.

An old man, traveling a lone highway,
Came at the evening, cold and gray,
To a chasm, vast and deep and wide,
Through which was flowing a sullen tide.
The old man crossed in the twilight dim—
The sullen stream had no fear for him;
But he turned when safe on the other side
And built a bridge to span the tide.

"Old man," said a fellow pilgrim near.
"You're wasting your strength with building here;
Your journey will end with the close of day.
You never again will pass this way:
You've crossed the chasm deep and wide.
Why build you this bridge at eventide?"

The builder lifted his gray old head,
"Good friend, in the path I have come," he said,
"There followeth after me today.
A youth whose feet must pass this way.
That surging stream that had no fears for me,
To that fair-haired youth may a pitfall be.
He, too, must cross in the twilight dim.
Good friend, I am building the bridge for him."

And so in loving memory of these members of the Grand Army of the Republic who wear this star and badge upon the coat of blue, who this year have answered the last roll after having so many years served their country and their God so faithfully, who for all these years have been spanning the tides and building the bridges, the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War have placed our flowers tonight.

Chairman BRAYTON. We are sorry that Rev. William V. Dickinson, of Brooklyn, N. Y., national chaplain of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, is not here. But we are privileged to now have the memorial for the Sons of Union Veterans by Rev. John M. Dunlavy, national patriotic instructor of this group, from St. Louis. Mr. Dunlavy.

Rev. Mr. DUNLAVY. To me as a son of a Union veteran of the Civil War and one of the men who stood by the side of the men of the great Grand Army, this is not a sad hour, for I never think of my father being gone. That strong heart that gave me my being walks by my side tonight and urges me on. And while this star that we have here tonight has its points of five, I am told that our fathers, not one by one but in groups of five, each day are marching on. And if we have today but 5,000 left, and they march in groups of five, after 1,000 days this great army shall have answered the roll call up yonder and will still be standing by our sides as sons, the men of all men of America who are richly crowned by having these men for our fathers.

They tell us America is passing through dark hours and trying hours, as are the nations of the world, but if we as sons will keep true to the heartbeat of our fathers who march on by our side, America cannot die.

And so while this sacred hour here tonight is wholly unto itself in that it is set apart only for those who have gone in the last 12

months, I wonder if we are not overshadowed here tonight with the heavenly host of those that have gone this year smiling down at us and cheering us in the keeping of the flag ever waving before us and saying, "The Constitution that they fought to preserve and this Nation to baptize for a new life we will carry on." And so tonight with just a few of these dear fathers here by our side, will you carry the news on when you go that the Sons will carry on, and we will.

Chairman BRAYTON. I like to know that you like Dr. Dunlavy's message tonight and the cheerful spirit that permeates it. Now the national chaplain of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Alma Scharr, of St. Louis.

Mrs. SCHARR. We of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans have come to pay our tribute of respect to those of the Grand Army of the Republic who have been called to their last camping grounds.

May this reverence for our dead comrades never be forgotten by us or our posterity forever.

And may this respect and love we owe them ever remind us that all of them have left behind their precious jewels, more valuable than glittering gems, that must not be forgotten, and must for a time, of necessity, remain the object of our fraternal care, love, and esteem.

To the promised land these comrades have gone,
To the land of perfect rest,
Their work is done, and the setting sun
Has sealed their life's request.
They have left this earthly strand,
For a home beyond the sea;
Though dead and gone, they still live on,
In cherished memory.

Chairman BRAYTON. So the chaplains have given you an added memory to the memorial. We spoke earlier in the evening of this star, this five-pointed star with the G. A. R. as the heart. I am sure that you will agree with me that these national officers, and the national chaplains with them here tonight, have formed not only one star, not even a constellation, but verily a galaxy.

(Music by the United States Marine Band: Sullivan's The Lost Chord and the Recessional.)

Chairman BRAYTON. If I may borrow a military phrase I am sure that you will second the motion when I say: "Captain Branson and Members of the Band, your services, gentlemen, have been and are eminently satisfactory."

Captain BRANSON. Thank you.

Chairman BRAYTON. Before the benediction may I say that tomorrow evening there will be a semiofficial meeting here at the Shrine Auditorium, beginning at 8 o'clock, and that the United States Marine Band will give a 30-minute concert previous to that, beginning at 7:30.

The benediction will be pronounced by Dr. Weertz.

Dr. WEERTZ. And now may the God of Peace that can call again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting Covenant, strengthen and sustain you all to do His will, working in you that which is pleasing in His sight, to the honor and glory of our God. Amen.

(Taps, United States Marine Band.) (10:20 p. m.)

RECEPTION AND SEMIOFFICIAL MEETING OF THE SEVENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC, HELD IN THE SHRINE AUDITORIUM, DES MOINES, IOWA, MONDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 5, 1938

Gen. Guy E. Logan, chairman of the executive committee, presiding.

(Music: United States Marine Band.)

Chairman LOGAN (8:23 p. m.). Comrades, members of the Auxiliary organizations, we are indeed happy tonight to have you with us in the city of Des Moines. It has been a great pleasure to us to know that you would come back again. And on the committee, which is the local executive committee, we have three members who have served you each time you have been here.

Well, I am not going to say much tonight. I don't want to. But there are a few things that we want you to know. Nobody could enter a room like this or be associated with these organizations that their immediate thoughts would not go back to that immortal life that was given to this country, and the very savior of this country—Abraham Lincoln. [Applause.]

I have been quite a student of his life. I love to read of the things that he did and the things that he accomplished, and reading the other day in a little pamphlet which I get on Lincoln's life and his doings I found this little item, and I want to give it to you because it comes from a source that seems to me is one that sets it out over and above the prejudice of that time in a wonderful way. It was entitled "A Prophet of Righteousness," and was by Dr. Joseph Fort Newton. I quote:

It means much that the writer of these words, a child of the South, a son of a man who wore the Gray, bows in love and awe before the great and gentle memory of Lincoln, himself a son of the South. Never in our history have the qualities of seer, orator, and leader met in any person as they did in that strange, sad, lonely man, whose life is a legend like the great ones of old. Simple, wise, farseeing, he belongs of right with the prophets of righteousness and the doers of the will of God, uniting a relentless justice with the touch of an everlasting mercy.

I thought that was a great quotation, especially coming from a son of the South, and I felt it so much that I wanted to repeat it here.

We now will ask you all to stand and we will have the National Anthem by the great Marine Corps Band, which we have here.

(Star Spangled Banner, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman LOGAN. We will now have the invocation by the Reverend Martin V. Stone, chaplain in chief.

Chaplain in Chief MARTIN V. STONE. In the presence of Thee, our Creator, we pause a moment that we may give Thee heartfelt thanks

for the land which Thou hast entrusted to our care, with all its wealth of beauty and of bounty, and of uncounted blessings ever touching every life upon it with the consciousness of the bounties of supply provided for every need.

We thank Thee for this land because of its riches and because of its many offerings of blessing to those who are here. It was Thy land, and Thou hast invited us to come to Thee and join with Thee in making it with Thee our land as well. We thank Thee for the great advantages perpetuated in its institutions, giving us the integrity and the value of the fruits which have been born into the lives of those whose birth was in this land. And, since Thou hast given to us this for a time to become our home, help us to realize the value of the loyalty and the devotion and the consecration of the best possibilities of every life, that, in the yielding of all blessings from the earth there may come the strength and wisdom and every needed good to make this Nation not only responsive in thanksgiving but rejoicing in the privileges of that which we possess.

We thank Thee for these meetings, bringing together those of kindred thought, of earnest purpose, of a sense of the uplift of loyalty. And, as we meet together, consulting our interests and turning again and again to Thee for leadership and blessing, help us that there should be growth, that we may progress as Thou wouldst have us to do. And to this end we commend each life here and all interests here dear to our hearts, that we may walk with Thee to possess not only the land but the spirit of Thy purpose and the glory that Thou dost desire to reveal in us through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

(Music, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman LOGAN. Address of welcome by the Honorable Robert E. O'Brian, secretary of state, representing the Governor of the State.

Mr. O'BRIAN. Mr. Chairman, Honored Commander, members of the G. A. R. and allied organizations, the State of Iowa is indeed proud to have an opportunity to welcome you again for the fourth time in your annual encampment. We are particularly glad to have you here with us, not merely because of the valiant service you rendered in the past but because we believe that you can still do something for us even now.

We would indeed be ungracious if we were to forget all that you have meant to this Nation, not only during the trying period of the war, but through the long, long years of peace when you guided and directed our affairs.

But now when you come again we want you to do one thing for us. It may be the last service you will be able to render. We want you to leave with us the secret of your friendliness, so that we will be able to make friends as you have made them. You have made friends with each other in your organization. The Grand Army of the Republic is the greatest group of friends ever gathered together. [Applause.]

But you have gone further than that; for, when a man learns how to make friends, he continues it, and you have made friends with those who were your foes, and to you we owe not only a united country because of your victory in the Civil War, but we owe to you a united country because you learned and taught us how to make friends with the South. So you have rendered a valiant service to us. Now

we want you to teach us how to continue that, and if you will do that and leave behind with us your secret you will have more than paid your way.

Again and again we have been near to you and the ever-venerated memory of those who have gone beyond is the precious spot in our lives, and the years that lie ahead will be all the brighter because you remained with us.

We extend to you our welcome—a welcome literally of the land of plenty, for ours is the richest State in this union—the welcome of a great State. But we do more than welcome you. We bid you godspeed in the great work that you are doing. Continue, and may God grant in His infinite mercy that year after year we shall see your encampment and that you will be privileged to come again and enjoy our hospitality.

We are glad to have you with us. You have always meant so much to us. Now we hope and pray that we can mean as much to you. [Applause.]

Chairman LOGAN. Address of welcome by the Honorable Mark L. Conkling, mayor of the city of Des Moines.

Mayor CONKLING. Chairman Logan, Commander Mennet, and honored guests: No greater honor could come to any man than the privilege of extending a few words of welcome to the most noble organization of our time—the Grand Army of the Republic. It was through your devotion and your sacrifices the United States was born, and it is by your loyalty and that same devotion and that true patriotism that our United States has ever stood for that which was honorable, with justice and honor to all.

I am honored as a spokesman for the city of Des Moines to welcome you, and to express the deepest appreciation for the inspiration and traditions you have given us in patriotism and loyalty to our God and to our country. It is indeed a pleasure to welcome you this evening, and I hope we will have the pleasure of welcoming you on more occasions. We are glad that you could pick our city for your convention. We feel that you have felt that you have been welcome here on this occasion because of the fact that you have been here on several occasions before. God bless you all. [Applause.]

Chairman LOGAN. We will now have an address of welcome which is by the commander of the Department of Iowa, G. A. R., Michael Hawk. But on account of Comrade Hawk's strength he asked that a Son of a Veteran, Ward Evans, present his word of welcome to us.

(Mr. Ward Evans then read the address of welcome of Department Commander Michael Hawk, as follows:)

Mr. Chairman, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic gathered here at our seventy-second annual national encampment, members of the affiliated organizations and guests: Once again the forces that made America great are gathered here in our capital city under the shadow of the golden dome. Once again old friends meet in the privilege of friendly handclasp, and once again we are spared another day to give thanks to God that our flag still waves.

My friends, this is a great day for Iowa. Indeed I am happily pleased to outstretch the hand of welcome in the most cordial spirit. I count it another jewel always when a great God spares us another day to renew our friendships grown rich through the long trek of the years.

There comes a certain satisfaction to individuals as well as organizations to know that a job has been well done. More and more historians are lending greater weight to the accomplishments of the Boys in Blue, who by their 4-year

struggle gave to the world a Nation to lead the parade of nations. By saving this Nation the Grand Army of the Republic gave the world a potent force for the preservation of peace, to say nothing of the countless blessings in the realm of invention and science that have contributed materially to easing the burdens of mankind.

The Grand Army of the Republic could not have accomplished the job alone. Forever I shall be grateful for the unswerving loyalty shown by all the auxiliary organizations. They were soldiers in the ranks of that great reconstruction army. So with all my heart I welcome you here, and may your stay be pleasant. [Applause.]

Chairman LOGAN. Thank you. I don't think there is anybody questions the great good that the members of the G. A. R. organization have done for this country. They have been forever since the war the stabilizing influence; they have been the organization that kept up Christianity; they have been the organization that when the Government started to go wrong they righted it. Now we have another organization that I think are following in their footsteps by building manhood in this country. It is the organization that I love next to the Grand Army of the Republic. We will now have the pledge of allegiance and welcome by the Boy Scouts of America.

(Presentation of flag and pledge of allegiance—Boy Scouts.)

Chairman LOGAN. If we could all live up to that Scout oath this Nation would live forever.

(“Hail to the Chief”—United States Marine Band.)

Chairman LOGAN. It now is my very pleasant duty—I was going to say “to introduce,” but most of the audience does not need an introduction. However, some of the citizens that are here do, and so I introduce Dr. Overton H. Mennet, commander in chief, whom we have learned to love very, very greatly in his three or four trips that he has made to our city to make arrangements and see that arrangements were all made for this grand meeting. And we have learned to love his two lovely daughters who have accompanied him here. I hope you have all had the pleasure of meeting them. It is now a great pleasure to hear from the commander in chief, Dr. Overton H. Mennet. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief MENNET. Mr. Chairman, General Logan; our distinguished guest Brigadier General Hines; our past commanders in chief; Mrs. Kothe, national president of the Women's Relief Corps; Mrs. Whitaker, national president of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic; Mary M. Manning, president of the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War 1861–1865; our commander in chief of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, William Allan Dyer; our president of the Auxiliary—I thought Margaret surely would be here; distinguished guests; members of the allied organizations; and friends who have come here tonight to welcome the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic—the remnant of that Army of more than two and a half millions that enlisted in defense of this land and against the destruction and separation of the Union and fought for its unity and integrity, and after 4 years of mortal strife and the loss of 450,000 comrades who never came home, 350,000 who came home invalids for life, who left more than 1,000,000 wives, mothers, and daughters to mourn for those who did not return; this small remnant here tonight represent those that are still living, and it was with great gratitude we meet here in this great city of Des Moines, Iowa, for the fourth time, and we have

the assurance of our representative of the Governor who I beg pardon for not referring to personally, and our mayor, that we may come here bag and baggage and remain for the remainder of our lives. [Applause.] That is a very liberal invitation, and we may come. We may be here again. However, it would be fine if we could be here and remain for the rest of our encampments and the conventions of our allied organizations.

It is with great pleasure that I respond to this welcome of our genial host, General Logan, and with peculiar pleasure thank him personally and on behalf of my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic who have assembled here for the fourth time, and we thank him heartily. Thank you.

Chairman LOGAN. Thank you, Mr. Commander in Chief, and we really mean it. We would like to have you come and live with us forever. [Applause.]

I get more pleasure out of working with this organization than I do out of anything I do in my life. [Applause.] I believe in you. My father was a Union veteran. [Applause.] He raised five sons, and all five of those sons saw service for their country. [Applause.] So you can know that I believe in a patriotic organization. And during all of my military service, which I had quite a bit of in my life, I always thought that the chief of staff was an officer to take the kicks, and I usually found out when I was in that capacity that those kicks came to me and I accepted them on my shoulders to save the commander in chief.

But tonight your national chief of staff, Mr. George N. Lockwood, has a very pleasant duty to perform at this time. Chief of Staff Lockwood.

Chief of Staff GEORGE N. LOCKWOOD. Mr. Chairman and all of these wonderful people that are present, it is true that my duty tonight is a very, very pleasant one, and it deals with our commander in chief, and I would ask the commander in chief to stand here by me while I say a few words in the imperfect manner that I use.

Commander, 1 year ago your comrades placed in your hands the destiny of the Grand Army of the Republic. They knew you thoroughly, or believed they did. And today we are satisfied that they believed they were not mistaken in the man that they made commander in chief. You have done your work, we think, faithfully, and having done your work faithfully we feel that we should say and do something to make you understand that we mean just what we do say.

So your comrades have delegated to me the pleasure, the extreme pleasure, of presenting to you a token of their love and affection. Now unless you continue to walk the straight and narrow path and be true to your country, to your comrades and your God, you will not continue to receive their approbation, for they are very, very discriminating people, the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic. And at this time I will ask the national president of the Woman's Relief Corps to assist me in this very, very pleasant proposition.

Comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and the auxiliaries to the Grand Army of the Republic, this is your pledge to the commander in chief that you are satisfied with his work during this

past year. I now ask the national president to pin it upon the breast of the commander in chief. [Presenting Commander in Chief Mennet with a jeweled badge of past commander in chief.] And now, Commander, wear that badge over a heart so faithful and so true to all that the Grand Army stands for that as the days go by we shall still love you and serve you wherever you are. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief MENNET. George N. Lockwood, my chief of staff, my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic who have so generously contributed to this badge representing their approbation of what little I have done during the past year, if I have made any mistakes it was of the mind, of the body, rather than the heart. The welfare of the Grand Army of the Republic and our allied organizations has always been uppermost in every act that I have done during the past year. No personal equation entered the question whatever. I did not consider myself personally in any manner whatever. All that I did was done in the interest of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied organizations. And for them I am wishing for the cooperation, the tolerance that is necessary to carry on this great organization after the comrades have departed. Only by tolerance can you ever expect to succeed. You must put personal affairs and jealousy aside, remembering always that the tearing down of one of the organizations is the tearing down of your own and destroying the morale of the Grand Army of the Republic and its allied patriotic organizations.

I have no words, comrades, that I could express to you my appreciation of the bestowal of this gift. All I can say to you is, thank you. I sincerely thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman LOGAN. Most of us, I am afraid, feel that the next organization on our program are stern, unrelentless men handling the people of the country. But we want to assure you that we have got in the city of Des Moines a police department of which we are very proud. They help us in every instance when we have strangers in town, and they are helping us tonight. Our next item on the program is music by our own police officers' glee club.

The glee club sang three numbers—My Lady Sleeps, Pledge of Fellowship, and I Want to Cross Over Into Campgrounds—receiving hearty applause from the audience.

Chairman LOGAN. Thank you very much, boys. We appreciated it very much.

My next duty is one of the most pleasant ones that has come into my life during any of these encampments, because I am going to introduce to you a man who is the head of the greatest department, in my estimation, of any of our Federal organizations. He is in my own estimation the biggest man in Washington today. [Applause.] He is the best friend that the service man has ever had. He runs the most efficient department of the Government today. It is a great pleasure to introduce the man who will make an address at this time, Gen. Frank T. Hines, Chief of the Veterans' Administration, of Washington, D. C. General Hines.

General HINES. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief Mennet, Representative of the Governor, His Excellency Mr. Mayor, Past National Commanders in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, Madam Presidents of the various Auxiliaries, I deem it a great pleas-

ure and an honor to be here tonight on the occasion of the Seventy-second Annual Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is with a feeling of real pleasure that I am again permitted to take part in the program of this organization. I thank you very much for the privilege. I also thank the toastmaster for his very flattering introduction, and I hope I may prove worthy of his high esteem. It is an honor which any official of the Federal Government would be glad to receive.

I want you to know that I bring you the personal and most cordial greetings of our Commander in Chief, the President of the United States. President Roosevelt is ever mindful of your welfare. He hopes that each of you may have many more years allotted, to live in the peace and security your patriotism has so well earned for you.

From my earliest boyhood the Grand Army of the Republic has been a name which stands for every principle dear to my heart and to the hearts of the American people. I well recall those lines of blue on Memorial Day marched so reverently to place flowers on the last resting places of those who had preceded them to the Great Beyond. The courage, honor, loyalty, and accomplishment so well exemplified by the G. A. R. was in that early day an inspiration to all real Americans and that example will always shine. Our organizations of veterans of other wars are indeed patterned after yours, which through the years has stood the test of time. They are dedicated to carrying on the patriotic work which you have pioneered. We who are not eligible to membership in your organization feel sometimes in ours a lack of that quality so distinctly yours, of occupying a unique place akin to reverence in the hearts of the American people. Sometimes I feel that present generations are missing much by failing to profit from the experience of civilizations centuries old wherein all important policies of state were made or settled by the elders. It is said, you know, that in youth we have visions and in old age, dreams, and the dreams may give us an idea of perfection.

You of the G. A. R. have seen both visions and dreams come true. When you were boys many of you read by the light of the candle or like Abraham Lincoln, by the light of the wood fire. I doubt if all of you had the opportunity to bathe in a bathtub before the Civil War. Had your parents wanted to take you to California as boys, you would have gone in covered wagons or sailing ships. Consider the changes you have witnessed; the development of transportation, the expansion of communication with the resultant diffusion of light and infusion of knowledge. In fact, you have seen the very introduction of more of the devices for increasing human progress than any other generation. Within the span of your life you have seen the candle become the electric lamp, the telegraph become the radio, the horse the automobile, the trail of the stagecoach become the railroad, the sailing vessel become the ocean liner, and now with the advent of transoceanic and transcontinental air transportation, an almost complete annihilation of space and time in the conduct of human activities.

While we must accept all this with admiration and continue the march of progress, I sometimes wonder to what extent the law of compensation operates in depriving us of the benefits enjoyed by those of former days while giving us the new and modern. Too often inexperienced youth fails to reckon with tomorrow or profit from the past. It is sometimes difficult for it to understand that history re-

peats itself and that "eternal vigilance is the price of liberty." We are a peaceful Nation and your organization is a peace-loving and patriotic body, although its roots go back to one of the most terrible conflicts of all times. You have never failed to remember, and to understand, one obligation which many citizens are prone to forget—that good citizenship demands that we render patriotic service in time of peace no less than in time of war.

You of the G. A. R. have always insisted that the prestige and integrity of our Government must be held high; that its form, which our forefathers so ardently evolved, must be preserved against all outside influences. You know that to preserve it is as necessary as it was to institute it. You have always urged a policy of strong national defense and the use of every lawful means to defeat the efforts of those who would seek to change our form of government and deprive the people of the liberties they now enjoy. President Roosevelt with the unanimous approval of the Nation, has stated to the world that we, the American people, propose to keep strong our forces on land, on sea, and in the air, as national insurance that our heritage and safety shall be preserved. [Applause.] With this status only can we lead on the road to peace. This substantiates the wisdom of the course the G. A. R. has always followed.

Your splendid service to this Nation from '61 to '38 must always be an inspiration to those whose way you lighted. Patriotic organizations throughout the land today advance the cause in which your organization took the lead. It must be the source of the greatest satisfaction to you to know that the work which you so ably pioneered moves forward.

We who strive to carry on the high principles which you have set were particularly gratified at the Gettysburg reunion held last July. The fact that you after three-quarters of a century could not only reconstruct in detail the activities of that past day but manifest a zealous interest in solving the problems of this generation demonstrates one of the outstanding reasons for the valor manifested on that field and the great value to the Nation of the example which you have given not only there but thereafter. And, Mr. Commander, may I publicly say to you here tonight what I did at the banquet, that the words which you uttered at Gettysburg I have no doubt will be recorded long in the pages of history. [Applause.] For, after all, the will to live and to perform and to accomplish things under any conditions inspires men of all ages to relief from gloom and despondency which haunts the man who is unable to apply his imagination in preserving his interest in life and living.

Life is, after all, a great adventure—the end we know not where. And so I think the words of a well-known author may well express my feelings toward living at any age [reading]:

For what purpose are we in the world, he asked. The purpose lies in front of each of us. It is never more than one step in advance, and whither it leads, who knows. It is the best that we can do at any moment that is required of us. A tree should grow. Water should run. A musician should make music. A teller of tales should tell them. Each man's own environment is his own universe, and he is the master or the victim of it in exactly the degree by which he governs or is governed himself.

Whatever doubts and shadows now pervade our present undertakings, we are not in a position to challenge the sincerity of those leaders who undertake the task of helping people to adapt themselves

to these new conditions to improve the social status of us all. And certainly we may be encouraged by the fact that when we review history by long periods we cannot but be convinced that the ultimate objectives are the dispelling of human suffering and the happiness of mankind. In our own country no better example of this is needed than the generosity of the people in insuring the welfare of the aged and particularly of the veterans who have borne the brunt of battle.

I like to think of my country with this creed:

I believe in the United States of America as a government of the people, by the people, for the people, whose just powers are derived from the consent of the governed; a democracy in a Republic; a sovereign Nation of many sovereign States; a perfect Union, one and inseparable; established upon those principles of freedom, equality, justice, and humanity for which American patriots sacrificed their lives and fortunes. I therefore believe it is my duty to my country to love it, to support its Constitution, to obey its laws, to respect its flag, and to defend it against all enemies.

The American people can never forget that your service and sacrifices preserved the unity of this great Nation, nor can they cease to feel the greatest and deepest gratitude toward you for this incomparable service.

Mr. Commander in Chief, I salute you and your comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic who are here today—and those who have gone before. I thank you. [Applause.]

Chairman LOGAN. Very fine of you, General. You know we men get a great deal of credit that we are never entitled to. Now, I asked my executive committee to be here tonight, and the only one here is the one that has done all the work. I want you to meet that one, and I am going to introduce our secretary, Mrs. Ethel H. Early. Mrs. Early, will you take a bow, please? [Applause.]

Next we have greetings from the Woman's Relief Corps, Mrs. Elizabeth L. Kothe, national president.

Mrs. KOTHE. Mr. Chairman; Commander in Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic; Past Commander in Chief Ruhe; comrades; Commander in Chief William Allan Dyer, of the Sons of Union Veterans; representative of the Governor; Mr. Mayor of Des Moines; sisters; friends of Des Moines; patriots everyone, it is with pleasure that I greet you, and welcome you to our great State of Iowa, and it is with pride that I represent the oldest and one of the largest women's patriotic organizations, the auxiliary to the Grand Army of the Republic. I bring you the greetings of nearly 100,000 women, and I bring to these comrades our pledge of the same unswerving loyalty that we have given them for more than half a century.

Go back with me, please, and visualize our country during the time of the Civil War when business was demoralized, our citizens were restless and in want. Homes, titles, and fortunes had been dissipated, destroyed, and wiped away like chalk marks from a blackboard.

The darkness of night brought with it the fear of attack and pilfering, while the dawn stimulated the minds of men to further combat, and the desire to kill, wreck, ruin, destroy, and conquer. Women and children without food and clothing or shelter were looking appealingly into the eyes of Heaven for relief—sobbing, crying, and praying for the end of the greatest of all civil conflicts; experiencing the awfulness of loneliness and anxiety for the welfare of their loved ones under arms.

The songs of the birds and the gentle murmur of the meadow brook had lost their music and charm of those war-worn and worried people. The outlook on life was black.

Then suddenly all was quiet; a hush came over the cannon's blast. Whistles blew and bells rang out the news that the war was over. The pulse of a young nation was beating rapidly and gratefully.

Quietly the worn-out remnants of the conflicting forces wended their way homeward. There were many who never returned, while others had no homes to which they could return.

A decade passed by, a financial crisis was on the country. Sickness and old wounds and lack of work and bitter disappointments began to make cruel ravages in the veteran ranks. Hundreds of orphans cried for bread and hundreds of widows went about the streets seeking work in the name of soldier husbands—and there was no work.

Where then would the veterans turn but to the loyal women of America? The G. A. R.—organized at the close of the war to promulgate the great principles of F., C., and L.—had been doing its utmost to aid and comfort their unfortunate comrades, but the organization was small in numbers and had no sources of replenishment for the steady drains upon its treasury. Then it was that the loyal women of the North answered, "Here am I." Such was the picture in part painted upon the canvas of history of our society, born under adverse circumstances—but courageous indeed were our extraordinarily foresighted, liberty-loving, wholehearted pioneer women who formed in Denver, Colo., the national organization chosen by the G. A. R. as their auxiliary.

The history of our order is an unending pageant of accomplishments. The moneys expended have long since extended into the millions, because of our fundamental principles for charity, relief, and patriotism.

The Grand Army of the Republic has a glorious history and has always stood foremost in the ranks of exalted citizenship, and at its side has ever found its auxiliary, the Woman's Relief Corps. Our work will not cease when the Grand Army has disbanded. America needs us, and the broad foundation upon which we stand represents a mission as vital as in the years of the past. If soldiers had no patriotism, there would be no victory in war, and there must be patriotism in peacetime or there can be no peace.

Patriotism with us is a constant inspiration and an incentive to render every peacetime service within our power, not a mere war-time sentiment to be fired only by danger from a foreign foe. Our order will exist as long as our country endures.

In every community where there is a corps we strive to justify our existence to the extent that we may expect all outstanding women to join us because of present-day constructive effort, and as the mother organization we invite all the orders allied with the Grand Army of the Republic to hold with us as the greatest living memorial to our soldiers of '61 to '65.

Commander in Chief, Dr. Mennet, thank you for the happy year which we have enjoyed together under your leadership, and for the pathway that lies ahead we wish for you and your comrades happiness, health, and comfort.

And now please accept for your organization, with the love of the membership of your auxiliary, the National Woman's Relief Corps,

in addition to the money given for the southern memorial fund, this check for \$1,000, to be used as you desire; and should you need more, please let us know. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief MENNET. Madam National President, it is impossible for me to respond in fitting manner to this wonderful gift that you have given to the Grand Army of the Republic through me as its representative. You have been loyal to us, and we have loved you. We love you still, and we will love you until the last one of us has pitched his tent and taps have sounded over us. Again and again, in behalf of my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, I thank you for this gift. [Applause.]

Chairman LOGAN. Next, we have greetings from the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, Mrs. Orpha M. Whitaker, national president. Mrs. Whitaker.

Mrs. WHITAKER. Mr. Chairman, representatives of His Excellency the Governor, honored mayor, Commander in Chief Dr. Mennet, comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, national officers, members and friends of the allied orders, once more we are gathered in the city of Des Moines and the State of Iowa to be greeted by you and bring greetings from the far corners of our United States. It is needless to say that we are happy to be here again—the family of these illustrious men of that great and noble band, the Grand Army of the Republic.

Commander in Chief and distinguished guests, I stand here tonight representing a group of women, the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, who hold you veterans close and dear to their hearts. We bear your name; we are your family—your wives, daughters, granddaughters, and nieces. We have been proud to include in our membership your dear mothers, those glorious women who watched, prayed, and waited for your return from the great Civil War.

All the ties of family life and solidarity bind us together. It is our task and our privilege to carry on your work, to venerate your memory, to honor your achievements, and to promulgate the principles of freedom, justice, humanity, and equality, which you fought to maintain for posterity.

At this time I wish to express to the citizens and officials of Des Moines and the State of Iowa the sincere appreciation and gratitude of our members for the kindness, courtesies, and generous hospitality which you have always extended to our Boys in Blue and their allied groups.

Commander in Chief Dr. Mennet, I, too, wish to express to you the happy year of service it has been my privilege to spend with you, our national commander in chief. And as I stand here representing the ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, I come to you tonight, not with a gift of gold, but with a gift of love—our pledge of loyalty to you. It is a gift I feel that will be most precious to you, for it is something you purchased for us in the years long ago by the offer of your life and fortune which assured for us a precious heritage of a united country, the flag of the United States of America.

Its stripes of gold like rubies shine forth in brilliant hue;
Its stars pure white in a field of heavenly blue,
With stripes of pearly whiteness which blended with the rest,
Complete our Nation's flag, on earth the very best.

Commander in Chief MENNET. Madam National President of the Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic, I sincerely thank you for this expression of kindness, and on behalf of my comrades I thank you. I wish you would carry back to your organization our expression of love and appreciation.

Chairman LOGAN. Next we have greetings from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Mary M. Manning, national president. Mrs. Manning.

Mrs. MANNING. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief Dr. Mennet, representative of His Excellency the Governor, his honor the mayor, our past commanders in chief, and comrades, the national heads of the allied organizations, my friends—all patriotic friends here—it is my fortune tonight to represent the host of patriotic women who are Daughters of these Union Veterans of the Civil War, and they have sent from all over the country their representatives here to the city of Des Moines to renew our pledges to our fathers, that the service of the Union Veterans of the Civil War shall never be forgotten. [Applause.]

As an organization we have looked to the record of the Grand Army of the Republic for our guidance, we have looked to their lives for our inspiration. In Washington, D. C., we have a national headquarters in which there is a room which has been dedicated to and accepted by the Grand Army of the Republic. We feel very proud of this headquarters, which we sometimes term our “national memorial.”

Yesterday afternoon in the city of Des Moines, on the steps of the capitol building, we were privileged to place a beautiful bronze sundial dedicated to the Grand Army of the Republic, a gift to the State of Iowa from the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, in appreciation of the reverent attitude, the respect, the kindness, the courtesy that has always been extended to our fathers when they have visited in Des Moines, and for the wonderful assistance that the State has given the city. This sundial we hope will not simply be something to look at. We want it to represent first and foremost the peace and the security and the comfort that the passage of time has brought to these, our fathers, who served us well in their younger days; and we hope that as the passerby stops and pauses long enough to check the time of day, he will also stop long enough to read the inscription, which reads:

DEDICATED TO OUR FATHERS, THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC.
PRESENTED BY THE DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

General Logan, I do not think there are words to express the gratitude of my organization to your committee for the services you have rendered us, and any words of praise that you may have said regarding your secretary are inadequate. She has been a friend in need—a friend indeed—and we are very happy and proud to pay that tribute to her.

Chairman LOGAN. Thank you.

Mrs. MANNING. And we also thank Adjutant General Charles Grahl for his efforts in securing the lovely, proper, and beautiful place for our sun dial.

Chairman LOGAN. Thank you. I will be very happy to convey your appreciation to him.

Mrs. MANNING. We appreciate that very much. You have said, and you have had your band play Iowa, Where the Tall Corn Grows. I would like to add to that "Iowa, where the tall friendships grow."

Chairman LOGAN. Thank you.

Mrs. MANNING. If the lives of our fathers have been a benediction to us, their daughters, we hope that in the city of Des Moines and the State of Iowa their presence here has been a benediction to you.

Commander in Chief, Dr. Mennet, my organization has asked me to present to you a little sum of money, in round terms, a thousand dollars, to be used by you for the purposes that you think best. Whatever you want it for, that is what you will use it for. If you want more, there is more. And they have been accustomed in my organization, the Daughters of Union Veterans, for a number of years to present to the commander in chief a loving cup. This loving cup has your name and everything there is to know about you. It is presented with the love of your Daughters. It is yours to have and to hold.

Other past national presidents of previous years have been proud to say they served with the best commander in chief there ever was, and they must have been right as far as they knew, but they didn't know you. And so I say I served with the best. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief MENNET. Madam President, that is a very nice expression, and I thank you from the very bottom of my heart. We all know that our Daughters are dear to us and dear to every comrade, and we know that they hold us in their hearts loyally and truthfully and with fidelity to every principle that could be enunciated. And we thank them from the bottom of our hearts for this gift, and we thank you and we love you. We love you. [Applause.] And so you carry back to your organization this expression of the love from your commander in chief and tell them that he is only hopeful that he has been worthy of this high estimation you have put upon him during this year in saying that he is one of the best commanders in chief that has served the Grand Army of the Republic. I thank you. Thank you. [Applause.]

The Daughters of Veterans in the audience then sang Let Me Call You Sweetheart, directed to the "dear old Boys in Blue," after which the commander in chief sang an appropriate response, the accompaniment being played by the United States Marine Band.

Chairman LOGAN. I guess that is getting pretty close to it. Next we are going to have greetings from the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Mrs. Margaret C. Brady, national president.

Mrs. Brady.

Mrs. BRADY. Mr. Chairman, General Logan, distinguished representatives of the city, State, and Federal Government, commander in chief of the Grand Army, my coworkers for the past year, and—after listening to all these addresses on patriotism—fellow citizens, I am indeed happy to come to this assemblage tonight and to bring to you the greetings of one of the younger organizations in this family. We are the auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and we feel that we have a double duty in our fraternal relationship. We have a duty first to the Sons of Union Veterans,

for whom we were organized as an auxiliary. In over 50 years I feel that my organization has truly lived up to Webster's definition of "auxiliary." We then bring to the Grand Army of the Republic whatever support we may give them through their Sons.

We have tried for many years to lay our plans along the lines of those that have been followed by the Woman's Relief Corps. [Applause.] We have had from these fraternal organizations, to my mind, what has been the finest instruction that we could have had from the mother organization.

Each one of these organizations, you know, has a particular forte to play, and we all have some specific duty to carry out in this family; and there surely is in this great Nation of ours a great deal for us to do and certainly a great deal of room to do it. [Applause.] And I am happy to come to you and bring to you the greetings of the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

I am proud to be a guest in a city that devotes so much of its time to looking after their visitors. I, too, feel that to pay any special tribute to the secretary here, Mrs. Early, would be like guilting the lily. I feel that no secretary in any city in this country is quite so interested in the duties of her job as is Mrs. Early [applause], and I salute her.

Commander in Chief, I am so happy that you are not wearing a hat, because I am afraid long before this that you will have bursted the rim from all the grand things that were said to you. But may I say for myself this has been one of the happiest years of my lifetime. Every national president says that she had the best commander in chief ever, of course. But certainly you were the best one I ever had, and I am proud to say here before your comrades, and I say this with all the sincerity at my command, no commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic ever devoted more of his time, more of his interest, or was ever more unbiased in his actions toward the allied organizations than has been Commander in Chief Mennet. [Applause.]

I dearly love you, like I would my grandfather. At any time I felt like I needed advice I could ask it from the commander in chief like I would my grandfather, with whom we had the privilege of being many years, who lived to be 99 years of age. So I assure you that elderly people are never a burden to me. They are a pleasure, because my childhood was devoted to doing things for a crippled grandfather, and I am indeed happy to do anything for his comrades that I can to make their remaining days happy. [Applause.]

Now, Commander in Chief, on behalf of this little Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, I want to present you a check. We want you to use this in your organization for whatever you deem is for its best interests. While we cannot give you a thousand dollars, however, we were fortunate enough to reach half of that for you. [Applause.] I present it to you, Commander in Chief.

And now for you I hope that the week will not have taken too much from you. I hope that when you go home you will rest, because we want to have you as our inspiration—certainly I do—for a great many years to come. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief MENNET. Margaret, words fail me to express to you the feelings that I have. I am thrilled with what I have

received from the organizations here tonight; and whatever I have done has been, as you have said, in the interest of the organization.

Mrs. BRADY. Absolutely.

Commander in Chief MENNET. And where I failed I am sorry, and I beg pardon. I thank you for this gift. As you well know, the funds of the Grand Army of the Republic are running low. Our organization is being depleted day by day, and our per capita tax amounts to little or nothing. Our fund we have been drawing upon is slowly but surely being eliminated and effaced, so that only a few years can the Grand Army of the Republic keep going unless we receive these gifts that we have received tonight. And on behalf of my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and myself, we thank you heartily, and we pledge our remaining days that you shall never have cause to regret what you have done for us with love.

Mrs. BRADY. Now, as the baby of this family, I might kiss my father and sit down.

Chairman LOGAN. I guess you will all agree what I said awhile ago about my own organization I owe directly to this organization.

Next is greetings by the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, William Allan Dyer, commander in chief. Commander Dyer.

Commander in Chief DYER. Mr. Chairman, ladies and gentlemen, and comrades with whom I have been associated this year, my friends, I have a feeling that having heard already from two Sons of Union Veterans, it would be almost superfluous to hear from another except that he happens to be for the period commander in chief. General Logan has done so wonderfully well as one of our representatives, and Ward Evans has so ably seconded him, that I am rather at a loss to know what to say.

Now you saw the greetings that the commander in chief gave to these beautiful ladies. I well remember the first time my boy went away to college, or school, and ceased to kiss me goodbye. He became a man, and he kept his emotions concealed in his own breast. Now these ladies went out to California where Commander in Chief Mennet lives; and he was enabled, by my generosity in separating from Margaret, to become acquainted with Margaret so he can kiss her before you. And having expended all our money sending our wives and sisters to California, we could not go there and get so well acquainted with Commander in Chief Mennet.

Then we recall, too, that these ladies have taken from somebody's pocket a thousand dollars, and a thousand, and five hundred dollars; and putting my hand in my pocket, I find it rather flat. I have a feeling that some of that came from the Sons. [Applause.]

Now a Son does not show his emotions, as I said. He has them, nevertheless. [Laughter.] Of course, you understand what I mean. I would like to have stood up here and kissed Margaret and kissed Mabel and kissed the other ladies, but I am too young for that. She called Commander Mennet grandfather, and later she referred to him as father. I would like to know how she sort of "girlies" them. I thought I would take the place of a father and be next, and the son of these gentlemen, but apparently not.

Now a son has to give his father certain things. This is a family of which the Grand Army of the Republic will be the father, and these ladies the daughters, and we the sons. As time goes on and the father becomes incapacitated or passes on, it is natural for the

son to become head of the family. That is why the Sons' organization was created, and that we expect to do. And when that happens—and may it long be deferred—we hope to receive the same loyalty from these wonderful organizations that they for years have given to the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

It perhaps may not be out of place, therefore, in view of the fact that we must carry on the work of the Grand Army of the Republic in the same militant way that they did, though in perhaps a different way—not by bullets, to recite to you some of the reasons for our existence and what we look upon as our purpose.

The objects of our organization are expressed in its constitution. They are definite and unequivocal. They are these: First, we are pledged "to perpetuate the memories and sacrifices of our fathers and forefathers for the maintenance of the Union." Second, we are pledged "to commemorate our heroic dead through patriotic and historical services and the proper observance of Memorial Day." That, in passing, may I say, we have admirably done for 57 years, and today we are caring for 1,500,000 graves of Civil War veterans and placing on those graves every Memorial Day a flag and a tribute of flowers. Third, we are pledged "to assist the worthy members of our own order." Fourth, we are pledged "to oppose to the limit of our power and influence all movements, tendencies, and efforts that make for the impairment of our Constitutional Union." [Applause.] Fifth, we are pledged "to demand of all citizens undivided loyalty and the highest type of Americanism, and require the exclusion of aliens unwilling to conform to this standard." [Applause.] Sixth, we are pledged "to teach patriotism, the duties of citizenship, the true history of our country, and love and honor of our flag." And seventh, we are pledged "to inculcate and broadly sustain the American principles of representative government, of equal rights, of universal liberty, and of impartial justice to all." Now, that is some proposition, ladies and gentlemen, in these days, to maintain.

With these purposes in our minds and these pledges as our yardstick, we are concerned with making it a strict test of our support of candidates for public office that they agree to support our form of government regardless of party. [Applause.]

We are concerned with and may properly condemn the holding of a dual allegiance by any of our citizens. [Applause.]

We are concerned with and may rightly oppose aliens permanently remaining on our relief rolls [applause], and we are vitally concerned with any changes in our immigration laws relaxing restrictions on aliens entry, and that when aliens are admitted into our border we are concerned that they shall give sure evidence that they will not become a public charge, and, most of all, that they will agree in advance to abide by our Constitution and laws and not seek to subvert them [applause]. And if they cannot do that, we are concerned that they stay outside of the 12-mile limit. [Applause.]

We are concerned with any changes in our judiciary, and its independence of any other branch of our Federal Government. [Applause.]

We are concerned with and may justly oppose tendencies toward concentration of power which in the hands of an arrogant or wrongfully ambitious person or persons might give them opportunity for

the establishment of a dictatorship in contravention of our American form of government. [Great applause.]

We are concerned with and may rightfully oppose the forceful taking possession of another's property by sit-down strikes and the like, striking at the very roots of our liberties, and we may justly take executives and leaders to task for failure to protect such rights guaranteed to our people in our Constitution and its Bill of Rights. [Applause.]

We are concerned with and may properly oppose the action of legislative committees in their attempt to forcibly take possession of private correspondence, telegrams, papers, and so forth, as a direct violation of the guaranties against unlawful seizure and search under the fourth amendment of the Constitution. [Applause.]

We are concerned with and may, in pursuance of our order's constitution, to which we are pledged, take the position that the right of an American farmer to raise what he pleases on his farm is an unquestionable and fundamental right [great applause], and that any measure denying or abridging that right is a violation of his constitutional privileges. [Applause.]

We are concerned with and may take the position under the Bill of Rights that any Government activity which prevents employer and employee alike from publicly expressing their opinions on matters with which either is concerned, is not in accordance with but violates the constitutional right of free speech, a free press, and the right of equal protection under the law. [Applause.]

We may properly express our feeling and belief that the guaranties contained in the Bill of Rights are as important in any and every particular as the Constitution itself, for our Constitution was not ratified until the Bill of Rights was included in it, and when any of those rights are assailed, or an attempt is made to weaken them, we are vitally concerned, and action by our order is properly called for.

The democratic theory of government assured to us under the Constitution, ladies and gentlemen, is the only one under which we will consent to live.

And, finally, we believe it is the solemn duty of our order because of our own peculiar heritage, to champion and defend all those precious heritages which were established for us by our forefathers and defended for us by our fathers here with their blood and lives, the same blood which flows in our own veins. [Applause.]

Now, Commander Mennet, with those pledges on our part, we pledge you to follow your footsteps, and we pledge you never to forget our fathers. And we hope to be loyal Sons, and we hope that you will realize the fact that we are not now the little boy that you led around by the hand but we are men grown. [Applause.]

Commander in Chief MENNET. Commander in Chief Dyer, I don't know—I have no words to thank you in behalf of my comrades. This dissertation you have given of the stand of the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War is endorsed, I am sure, loyally and emphatically by every comrade and every veteran of the Civil War and every loyal citizen of the United States of America. Again I thank you.

Commander in Chief DYER. Commander, if I was not just a little under that age I would give you the French salute.

Chairman LOGAN. Next is "Response to Greetings" by Past Commander in Chief C. H. William Ruhe.

Past Commander in Chief RUHE. Mr. Chairman, Commander in Chief Mennet and my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, and Capt. Taylor Branson and his other comrades of mine of the United States Marine Band [applause]:

It certainly is with sincere pleasure that I appear before you all this evening for the purpose of replying to the wonderful greetings that we have had vouchsafed to us this evening by the heads of various organizations—not allies, but recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.] For the Grand Army of the Republic is the organization of the Union Veterans of the Civil War and stands supreme. It has no alliance and no organization is allied with it. But they have recognized the organizations that you have heard tonight; and their pledge for that recognition is that they will assist the Grand Army of the Republic and its dependents, and that is the tie that binds them to the Grand Army of the Republic; and nobly have those women fulfilled that pledge as far as the dependents are concerned. Throughout the entire country you will find the homes for the widows, you will find this instrument of succor, you will find that method of relief—and all for the dependents of the Grand Army of the Republic.

And in response to their greeting I cannot find words that are adequate to express my feeling of thanks and the same thanks from all my comrades for all these good women have done. I have been in personal contact with them in all these missions for many, many years, and I know personally just what I speak.

And now we are coming in the Grand Army itself to a very crucial point, and one of the great tasks that we have before us in the next few days is to find the means of perpetuating the few years that the Grand Army of the Republic has yet to live; and in that respect we must resort to the pledge given by all the organizations. Some of them have fulfilled them to the very letter and, as you have listened yourselves, deeds speak louder than words. And now it will rest with the combined efforts of all the organizations recognized by the Grand Army of the Republic to assist us in maintaining this organization until the last man shall have passed away.

And that is the law of the Grand Army of the Republic. As long as one single comrade wishes to maintain the post to which he belongs, it remains the post; and if all the posts should disband and only one remain, and it being the only one in the department, that would still be that department. And so on. If only one man remained in his organization, and it was the only one in the Grand Army of the Republic, that would be the Grand Army of the Republic, and the Grand Army of the Republic would cease to exist with the death of that last comrade. That is the destination, and is the law of the Grand Army of the Republic. It is a formation unlike anything ever seen in the world, and it is one that will probably never be repeated and cannot be perpetuated.

But the principles laid down by that organization in the pledges of its own formation embody everything that has been said here tonight in reference to the loyalty, in reference to the fealty to this country, in reference to the veneration for the flag, and in reference

to the sacrifices of life, if necessary, for the protection of our democratic Government in this country—"a government of the people, by the people, and for the people." That is the principle laid down by the great apostle of the Civil War, and it will last as long as humanity inherits those principles.

We have been very fortunate in our organization, with the assistance of those organizations that we have recognized, and we hope to be so in the future. And I know the splendid memory that they have created in the comrades, the splendid memory they have created amongst themselves, and the fine records that they have laid down will certainly inure to their benefit and give them a prestige that they otherwise could never procure.

In reference to the Memorial Day I wish to advise you, and you can convince yourself of the fact, that there is hardly a county in the United States today which does not annually appropriate the necessary expenses for those who desire to see that the grave is kept green, that the marker of the Grand Army of the Republic is placed at the headstone of the comrade, and in that marker is placed the little staff carrying upon it the Stars and Stripes, the flag of the United States of America.

In addition thereto I wish, for the information of the good people of Des Moines, who have been so generous in the past and are again showing their generosity at the present time, that in my early remarks in reference to the United States band, I want to tell them that the same relation that exists between myself and my comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic in choosing me as their commander in chief exists between the comrades of the incomparable United States Marine Band and its leader, for I was the national president, when it was of the National Musical Association. So that our relations are exactly the same.

And as a tribute to that profession in which I had the pleasure of appearing in my younger days with the great artists of the entire world, I will say this. Our greatest pride exists in this. When I see an organization of that nature I reflect upon what they accomplish, and the result of that reflection is that the musicians in their organization create more pleasure, more enjoyment to more people in this world, than all of the other arts combined. [Applause.]

Chairman LOGAN. I have one request to make. We are just about to close. We have two more items on our program. I want to ask that everybody remain in their seats until the veterans of the Civil War get out of the door, and then the rest of you go after we dismiss. Next we are going to sing one verse of America, led by the the United States Marine Band.

(America.)

Chairman LOGAN. The benediction will be pronounced by the chaplain in chief.

Chaplain in Chief MARTIN V. STONE. May grace, mercy, and peace, in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be present now and abide evermore with everyone. Amen.

Chairman LOGAN. Thank you very much for your attendance here tonight. Good night. (10:30 p. m.)

CAMPFIRE HELD AT THE SHRINE AUDITORIUM, DES
MOINES, IOWA, WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 7,
1938, 8 P. M.

Gen. Guy E. Logan, chairman of the executive committee, pre-
siding.

Music, United States Marine Band.

Chairman LOGAN (8:30 p. m.) Folks, on account of the condi-
tions—we do not have the commander in chief here as yet—he is at
a banquet, and I suppose they are holding him—we are going to
change our program around a little. I know that you appreciate
very greatly the wonderful music that the United States Marine
Band, with Capt. Taylor Branson, the leader, has given you. Now
I am going to ask the Des Moines Philharmonic Choir, directed by
Clifford Bloom, to put on some numbers for you. I want to intro-
duce Clifford Bloom.

The Des Moines Philharmonic Choir then rendered the following
numbers:

Only Begotten Son.....	<i>Gretchaninoff</i>
Built on a Rock.....	<i>Christiansen</i>
Cherubic Hymn.....	<i>Rachmaninoff</i>

Chairman LOGAN. Thank you, Clifford Bloom, and your choir. I
am sorry to announce that our commander in chief is not here yet.
(Blue Danube Waltz, United States Marine Band.)

Chairman LOGAN (8:50 p. m.). Just before we start this program,
I know all of you folks will appreciate that we have got the very
best band in the entire world here. [Applause.] And the very best
band leader. I would like to ask all the band to stand up, and I
want you to give them a real hand. [Applause.]

We will now have the invocation by the Rev. Martin L. Stone,
chaplain in chief.

Chaplain in Chief STONE. O Thou who art the source of life, the
one in whom we live and have our being, we come with thanksgiving
at this moment for what we are permitted to share of Thy grace and
the ministrations of Thy love and the uplift of Thy unseen yet
mightier power than all which gives to life its richest value.

We come thanking Thee for the experiences through which Thou
hast led us, for the fellowships we have shared as Thy love has
flowed in deepening streams through our natures, for the push which
this uplift has given as we have mingled in the rising tide of our
race as it turns toward the greater glory yet to be revealed through
Thy ministrations to our individual lives.

And we would open our hearts in tenderness, and yet in the great-
est confidence of our sturdy faith, toward Thee in the gleaming of
each life anew, and as the moments here hasten we simply resign
ourselves to Thee in the fullest confidence that Thou wilt lead and

keep and bless us and our country and all interests touching our lives. Through Him who came to bless the earth with the sacrifice of His love and the gift of His glorious life. Amen.

Chairman LOGAN. I am going to pass the next number, and we will ask Captain Branson if he will play the Star-Spangled Banner, our national air.

Star-Spangled Banner, United States Marine Band.

Chairman LOGAN. To all you folks who have been so kind and generous to us to come to our State you need no introduction to the next speaker on the program. To our own citizens who are in the audience I want to say that the next speaker is one of the most lovable characters I have ever met in my life. I have been associated with him several times in the last few months, and his only thought is of taking care of you in place of letting us take care of him. I introduce to you the commander in chief of the greatest organization that was ever built in the United States, Commander Overton H. Mennet, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause, the audience rising.]

Commander in Chief MENNET. General Logan, Mr. Toastmaster; our national officers, Mrs. Whitaker and Mrs. Manning; and our past national officers, commanders in chief, our distinguished guests of the city of Des Moines; and our commander of the band, Capt. Taylor Branson, and his splendid organization:

I have had a very strenuous day today, and so I am not going to make any extended remarks. My physicians told me just before I left home that I could come over here but I must let the other fellow do the talking—that I should not do much of the talking. But it seems to me that I have had to talk some during the time I have been here.

I am very thankful to General Logan for this splendid introduction he has given me, and I hope that you consider that I am worthy of that eulogy that he has heaped upon me and given me.

So it is a great pleasure for me to bring you the greetings of the comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic and add to that my sincere greetings also. We are very, very much indebted to the good people of the city of Des Moines here for the courteous, generous treatment they have accorded us. There is nothing that has been left undone for the comfort and convenience of our comrades and our allied organizations, and we appreciate everything that has been done for us. So we thank the members of this committee and ask that they take this information to their organization when they meet to adjust the difficulties and unravel the snarls that usually accompany a meeting of this kind. I have been in many of them myself and I deeply appreciate the conditions under which these good people, men and women, have labored in behalf of the interest of the Grand Army of the Republic and our allied organizations. On behalf of those people and our people I deeply thank you.

So I am leaving this matter with you. I don't know that I have anything further to say. Of course, I have had a very strenuous year. I have traveled about 36,000 miles. I have been in 28 States and I have been in many of the departments and have installed the officers at department encampments in a great many of them. So one more day and I will wind up my year of service. So I am thanking you for this opportunity of being presented to you and

eulogized in the manner I have been. If a little later Captain Branson thinks I should sing for you 'Tenting on the Old Campgrounds, or some similar song, when I get a little breath again, I will attempt to do that to the best of my ability, although I am pretty well worn out for today.

Chairman LOGAN. We of Iowa have a man from the Grand Army of the Republic that we have just loved for years. He has been the stay with us, along with one or two that have passed in the last year—our great comrade, Oley Nelson, and our adjutant, Mr. Risley. Along with this man they have been the inspiration to us in Iowa to live what we hope is a patriotic life for our Government. Everybody in Iowa knows this great man. He has been great not only in Grand Army circles in the State of Iowa; he has been a great citizen, one of our leading citizens, held many fine judicial positions. He also has been commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, and I now introduce to you our own comrade from Iowa, James W. Willett, past commander in chief. [Applause.]

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Commander in Chief, Mr. President, comrades, members of the associate societies of the Grand Army of the Republic, and fellow citizens:

I greet you one and all. Sixteen years ago about this time in the year it is true that I had the honor to be elected commander in chief in the city of Des Moines, when the Grand Army of the Republic was in the zenith of its power and strength, without a dissenting vote or a particle of opposition, and I assure you that it was the finest, most enforceable, and fully appreciated position in my life that I have ever experienced. It is true I worked honestly and faithfully from practically the commencement of the organization and doubtless was entitled to recognition, but in any event I received it; since which time I have been a worker to the best of my ability for the continued success of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Now, it is fully known and understood that the Grand Army of the Republic is so depleted in numerical strength that it is not many years until we will have departed this life and the last member of the Grand Army of the Republic will only live in memory; and I for one want to help place the Grand Army of the Republic as an organization in such a historical position that the organizations of the Woman's Relief Corps, the Daughters of Union Veterans, and the Auxiliary to the Sons of Union Veterans may merit and obtain and continue the record, insofar as substitutes may, for the benefit of the Nation, of the Grand Army of the Republic.

I have had occasion recently, just a few days ago, to read an article on the Grand Army of the Republic in the September 1, 1938, issue of the National Tribune, published in Washington, D. C., wherein they state:

We have been associated with the veterans of the Civil War for more than 60 years and are proud of what we have been able to do to aid them in securing for their disabled comrades and their widows and orphans that which was due them from the Government for their support.

Now the following is the particular part of the article that attracted my attention:

Never has there been any other organization just like the Grand Army of the Republic. Founded shortly after the Civil War by the men who had fought to preserve the Union and keep aloft the Stars and Stripes, it grew

in membership and influence until in the heyday it was the most powerful group in this country if not in the world; and we pledge our future to affiliate with them in our publication for all time in memory.

Now that remark is one of the most fulsome and complete statements in a general way of the Grand Army of the Republic, and those of us who now survive would like to continue such feeling and such remarks from the same source and the public at large as that paragraph would concede and assert. In order to do so we must take care of the remnant of the Grand Army of the Republic, and in this connection I call your attention to the fact that for many years we have been organized as an incorporated body by the sanction of Congress and the lawful parties in the District of Columbia, with headquarters of the corporation located in the city of Washington.

Such being the case, with the provision that they will have no successor, and with the organic law adopted and established of similar import in our rules and regulations, we will have no successor. We do not need a successor. But we do need the affiliation of the Woman's Relief Corps, the Ladies of the G. A. R., the Daughters of Union Veterans, the Sons of Union Veterans, and their Auxiliary until we shall have gone to the Great Beyond; and they should be encouraged to follow in the footsteps that we have taken during our existence in the world. [Applause.]

Now then, that is the problem that we are up against, and the question is how is the better way to preserve it? We ignore any association that claims a succession or that tries to assume it, and will not tolerate it. But we do want to encourage those I have mentioned who are specially attached to us and under obligations to us as our children, our wives, and our mutual patriotic association under the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic.

That is something that we must give attention to, and I think that we ought to lay the foundation at the present term. It is in keeping with our existence and it is in keeping with the future.

We have just had the association of the living representatives of the Confederacy in the Gettysburg meeting this year, and we had one of the most difficult problems to handle that you could think of, and that is the proposition that the Confederates made that they be permitted to march under the Stars and Bars. And your committee that were duly appointed and the present administration refused to acknowledge that proposition, and, fortunately for all parties concerned, Uncle Sam took hold of it and the Government made that provision in the initial that the Stars and Bars should only be exhibited by the Confederate societies within the pale of their own apartments and of their own territory that was set apart to them during the Gettysburg affair. [Applause.]

Of course I have been personally abused, and much of it in their leading newspapers, and all that, and I had the satisfaction in Gettysburg—mark you, I did not go inside of their apportioned land and headquarters [laughter] because I did not want to be insulted. My nature has always been such that if a man insulted me I would retaliate, and I did not want to get into trouble. [Applause.] So they called on me, and when they called on me I took the pains to tell them that Uncle Sam was running it in this case and they had no business to discuss it to us to a finish because we never could agree.

No State had ever succeeded in seceding, no blemish had ever been put upon the actual marking and stripes of that Stars and Stripes, the Nation had been recuperated and enforced as it was originally before secession began, and what was the use to discuss it.

One of them made an insulting remark to me. "Now," I said, "look here. I will have you understand that I am no groundling. I want you to understand that my paternal ancestry were Kentuckians, and that that Kentucky family, consisting of nine boys and one girl, were divided practically 50-50; five of the boys had come North and settled in the military tract of Illinois, left the State of Kentucky because they were opposed to slavery [applause], and, such being the case, I had to make up with them after the war was over, and I succeeded in doing so without any severe rupture except with a couple of cousin women who told me that 'they could not tolerate our man Lincoln. Why, he appropriated our servants.' [Laughter.] And I never did make up with them."

One of them is living yet. I wrote her a letter the other day. But that is a part of my genealogy that under the circumstances I feel at liberty to relate to you on this public occasion.

I hold no ill feeling toward a Confederate. If he will obey the laws of the country, abide by the Constitution and the letter and spirit of the Constitution, I say, "Amen, you are my fellow citizen."

And in conclusion I am constrained to quote this little verse, and it is one of the most appropriate that I can think of. It is not my composition, but an appropriation from the poem:

Under the sod and the dew,
Waiting the judgment day;
Love and tears for the Blue,
Tears and love for the Gray.

[Applause.]

Chairman LOGAN. I think you all know we love the judge in Iowa. That is what we need.

Past Commander in Chief WILLETT. Thank you over and over.

Chairman LOGAN. Before the next number I want to make an announcement, because I am changing our program around a little bit. We started a little bit late, but we have a wonderful treat for all of you, which I am going to call the second section of the program tonight. Mr. James D. McConaghie, superintendent of the National Military Park of Gettysburg, Pa., is with us tonight. He has two reels of pictures that he wants to show, besides a good many slides. But I want to put that in the second section for two reasons. The first reason is that we need the stage to show the pictures, and we must all get off of it. But the most important reason is that these gentlemen that were down to Gettysburg, and our fine band that was down to Gettysburg and stole the whole show down there, want to get down in the audience and see the pictures. So I am going to put them on the program last and I hope you will all stay and see them. [Applause.]

To our own people in Des Moines the next speaker needs no introduction. He is one of our real orators. He has been a man that has spent not only hours of the day, but hours of the night, all day Sundays, and everything else making the proper preparation for the caring for this convention. I want to introduce to you our own Arthur H. Brayton, secretary of our convention bureau. Mr. Brayton.

Mr. BRAYTON. Commander in chief, national officers, Chairman Logan, ladies and gentlemen, it is a real privilege for me to come before you for just a few minutes this evening and tell you that this is a convention that Des Moines is really proud of. This is the night we want the comrades to realize that, more than ever, you are making this convention. Des Moines is particularly happy that you have honored us four times by coming here for your encampment, and although conventions are my business I can candidly and truthfully say right from the heart that this is an encampment or a convention that is peerless and superior to any that we have ever had, and I am sure it will stand along with any that will ever come in the future. [Applause.]

Any of you who saw that parade today can say with me, and can say with the excellent account of it which appeared in the newspaper, that the heart throbs were there and will know that there can be but one encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic. [Applause.]

Now, tonight is campfire night. Fortunately the campfire this evening is a synthetic one. We felt that it might be best to dispense with an honest-to-goodness campfire. But campfires call up memories and campfires bring up reminiscences, and in the few minutes that are allotted to me I want to talk with the comrades and draw for you just one example of what they have done which I think will be of interest and value to all of us. And it brings to mind the story that I heard about the Civil War.

The story is that during a terrible battle, General Logan, who was probably a predecessor of our own capital general chairman this evening, was advised that a group of West Point cadets had just arrived during the heat of battle and they were waiting to see him. So he said he would receive them, and in came the West Pointers fresh from military school, ready and willing to go. They said, "Here we are, General. Where do you want us?" The general said: "Jump in anywhere, boys. There's damn good fighting all along the line." [Laughter.]

Now, that is really my text this evening, and while it may be one that is not found exactly in Holy Writ I believe you will agree with me that it typifies the spirit that is represented with these comrades that are here today. Almost 200 of them have come back to Des Moines for the fourth time. They come back here more than 70 years after the Civil War, and you have shown that you could jump in anywhere; that your old favorite slogan "Yours to command" means what it says.

There is a parallel between the days of '61 and today. The times, as they said then and as we talk about them now, were tough then. Things were said to be serious, but you came through. The comrades jumped in all along the line, and if there is any lesson that we can take as we gather around this campfire tonight in reminiscent mood it is this: Let us try to be as ready to jump in anywhere and stand as steadfast and follow through as consistently and go through with colors flying, as these comrades have been who are still with us tonight. [Applause.]

I don't know, but I think that in 1861—a little matter of 77 years ago—business and conditions were just about as discouraging as they are today. I want to read you a couple of paragraphs that were

handed me this afternoon. There is a little surprise at the end of them. I think you will see a parallel. This is the way these paragraphs go:

It is a gloomy moment in history. Not for many years—not in the lifetime of most men who read this—has there been so much grave and deep apprehension; never has the future seemed so incalculable as at this time. In our own country there is universal commercial pessimism and thousands of our fellow citizens are turned out against the approaching winter without employment.

In France the political caldron seethes and bubbles with uncertainty; Russia hangs as usual, like a cloud, dark and silent upon the horizon of Europe; while all the energies, resources, and influences of the British Empire are sorely tried, and are yet to be tried more sorely, in coping with the vast and deadly disturbed relations in China.

It is a solemn moment, and no man can feel an indifference—which, happily, no man pretends to feel, in the issue of events.

Of our own troubles no man can see the end. They are fortunately as yet mainly commercial; and if we are only to lose money, and by painful poverty to be taught wisdom—the wisdom of honor, of faith, of sympathy and of charity—no man need seriously to despair. And yet the very haste to be rich, which is the occasion of this widespread calamity, has also tended to destroy the moral forces with which we are to resist and subdue the calamity.

And now for the surprise. You may think that was a current article. When you are worrying too much about today think of these comrades here and remember that this article that I have just read appeared in Harper's Weekly, volume 1, page 842, of the issue of October 10, 1857, just 81 years ago next month; 1857—81 years ago—4 years before Sumter was fired on. Many of you comrades were boys—a little matter of 81 years ago. You were boys 10 and 11 years old. You can recall that time, perhaps. And the fact that you are tonight, comrades, at this campfire is living and vivid testimony that you followed through. And it is a tip that all of us can take from you fine comrades at these campfire meetings. May we see you again and may we learn from you much about carrying on.

And to the rest of us, here is a little lesson from the fact that 81 years ago they were worrying about the times, and when you look at these hale and hearty men here tonight—I mean hale and hearty, when most of them are 90 or over—you can see that they came through, and I think we will, too.

And when we are discouraged I want to give you one more lesson from the Commander in Chief of the Army in which these men served, another little quotation that I think you will find interesting. Are you discouraged? When Abraham Lincoln was a young man he ran for the legislature in Illinois and was badly defeated. He next entered business, failed, and spent 17 years of his life paying off the debts of a worthless partner. He was in love with a beautiful woman or girl. They became engaged. She died.

He then tried to get an appointment for the United States Land Office and could not make it. He became a candidate for the United States Senate and was overwhelmingly defeated. In 1856 he was a candidate for Vice President, and accepted defeat again. In 1858 he was defeated by Douglas. One failure after another, bad failures, great set-backs. In the face of all this he finally became one of the country's greatest, if not the greatest man. [Applause.]

When you stop and think of a series of set-backs like this, doesn't it make us feel a little bit small to be discouraged because one or two things in our business or personal or community life have gone

wrong now and then? And shouldn't we render just that much more tribute and praise to these comrades here tonight who lived during that time, who probably had discouragements and defeats just as Lincoln did, just as we are having now, but who came through with colors flying?

And so we say to the comrades, we appreciate what you have done, and we are going to try and take a tip from you. And on this the next to the last night of the encampment, the Seventy-second Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, we say with feeling in our voice, with tears in our eyes, but with joy in our hearts, "Hail and Farewell." [Applause.]

Chairman LOGAN. Thank you, Arthur. Now we are going to have a real treat, because the Commander in Chief says that he feels a little rested and he is going to give us a song ahead of the next number.

Commander in Chief Mennet, accompanied by the United States Marine Band, then sang *Tenting on the Old Campground*, receiving hearty applause.

Chairman LOGAN. No wonder everybody loves him. I have got acquainted with his daughters, and they love him and we love them. We do. Sure we do. [Applause.] Now, we are going to have music by the Des Moines Philharmonic Choir, directed by Clifford Bloom, and he will announce his own numbers.

The choir sang *My Heart Doth Beg You'll Not Forget* (di Lasso); *The Turtle Dove* (English folk song); and *Sunrise* (Taneyef).

Chairman LOGAN. Thank you, Clifford, and each member of your choir. We appreciate your coming very, very greatly. Next, I am going to ask Mr. James D. McConaghie, superintendent of the National Military Park at Gettysburg, if he won't tell us just a few words about his pictures before we ask him to show them to us. Mr. McConaghie.

Superintendent McCONAGHIE. After such beautiful music and after listening to the stirring talks I feel that we have about reached the conclusion of a perfect evening as it is. But I came some 1,500 miles to show you some pictures that I think you will like to see. Let's consider it a little sort of anticlimax. I want any of you to feel free, if you are tired, to go before or as we change the scenery.

Seventy-five years ago two armies approached Gettysburg. They came in over the 11 roads leading into this small hamlet. Their purpose was, of necessity, destruction. We all know the result—the Battle of Gettysburg.

Seventy-five years later these 11 highways again led to Gettysburg. A national park now stands on the site, covering some 19,000 acres, the Government owning about 2,700 acres over which the most active fighting took place.

This second army that approached Gettysburg found a camp there of 3,500 tents, some 12 miles of boardwalk connecting all of the tents, electric lights were in each tent, board floors, screens—a tent city.

Gettysburg waited with interest the coming of this army. We didn't know how many would come. Some 2,000 finally assembled, and a more interesting group I have never had the pleasure of meeting.

So I want to bring to you and to those of the comrades that were at Gettysburg the greetings from Gettysburg, and also the greetings

from the National Park Service in the Department of the Interior.

These pictures I have to show have been gotten together rather hurriedly. You know it has not been long since the anniversary. But I hope they will give you a picture of what occurred. The pictures are not titled, and I will try to talk a little bit as we go along, but I am going to let the pictures do most of my talking for me. Thank you.

Chairman LOGAN. Thank you, Mr. McConaghie. Just one or two things I would like to say. First, we have had requests to be allowed a place on the program. Our program was so long that we just could not put anybody else on the program and still give you these pictures, because it would keep you too late. We appreciate it. We would like to have had these comrades that would like to have been on the program, but we just had to deny them that privilege and our pleasure in having them on this program tonight. We are sorry for that.

I want to also announce to all of you, and especially to our Des Moines citizens and any of you folks that are going to stay over, that we are going to have tomorrow night one of the greatest treats that we have ever had in Des Moines, when Capt. Taylor Branson and his entire band will give you a concert at Drake Stadium, where there is space for everybody. The concert will start promptly at 7:30 and will be for one full hour. So you will know what is ahead of you. I hope you will all be there. [Applause.]

I am now going to ask our chaplain in chief to pronounce the benediction.

Chaplain in Chief STONE. In the quiet of this precious moment, with renewed sense of the care and the loving ministrations we have shared and some assurance of response arising within each breast, we commit anew every life to the care of Him who loved and thus far has kept us. In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Taps, United States Marine Band.

Superintendent James D. McConaghie, of the Gettysburg National Park, then showed two reels of moving pictures in colors, taken during the reunion held at Gettysburg in July 1938, commemorating the seventy-fifth anniversary of the battle, as well as some colored slides, the pictures for which were taken in Gettysburg National Park. The pictures were especially good, and the audience indicated its appreciation by rounds of applause.

THE GRAND PARADE

The following accounts of the parade held on Wednesday, September 7, 1938, are taken from the Des Moines newspapers:

[Des Moines Tribune, September 7, 1938]

AGED "BOYS IN BLUE" MARCH AGAIN BEFORE CHEERING CROWD OF 60,000—36 START LONG WALK; TWO TIRE AND LEAVE LINE

By Herbert G. Owens

Resolute but unsteady, the small remnant of aged Union veterans trudged the 15 short blocks here Wednesday in the annual parade of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Cheers along the line of march graciously drowned out the faltering tread of a handful of old soldiers—a faint shadow of the 10,000 blue-coated veterans who gaily paraded up Capitol Hill 16 years ago.

The military beat of drum and fife still could be heard—but the players no longer are veterans. Younger men have taken up the instruments of those who 73 years ago fought to preserve the Union.

There were lumps in the throats of many of the estimated 60,000 spectators, cheering to cover their emotions as the grand old men tottered along, keeping step as best their failing legs could follow the military beat.

Wild-waving flags fluttered in the hands of thousands of school children released to witness the parade. Reams of torn paper, streamers, and confetti drifted down over the heads of the veterans from the tall buildings where windows were filled with spectators.

A warm sun sent temperatures from 84° to 87° during the march. The veterans kept to the shade of buildings as much as possible and there was only a slight breeze to help cool them.

Thirty-six veterans started the march Wednesday, many of those tapping along with the support of canes. Two fell by the wayside, not ill, but just too tired to go on to the end.

Some carried flags throughout the march; others carried banners representing their States; a very few cut capers for the throngs along their path.

LESS THAN 200

There were spectators who remembered the 1922 parade when, of the 10,000 marching veterans, 1 fell dead 50 yards from the goal; the 1926 parade when, after 15,000 G. A. R. deaths in a year, there were 2,000 veterans afoot and 3,000 others in automobiles; and the 1931 parade here when ranks had dwindled to 800 marchers and another 1,400 in cars.

And now, in 1938, the total registry at the encampment itself numbers less than 200.

PRIDE

Age takes a toll. Physical handicaps take a toll. But pride—the same pride which in their youth 73 years ago permitted a quick step with uniformity and precision—keeps them going.

And riding in automobiles behind the marching veterans, whose shoulders were thrown as far back as bending backs would permit, were scores of other veterans.

Gray headed and gray bearded, with the youngest member of their forces now 84, the veterans acknowledged cheers and gay banners along the line.

Feeble hands waved stiffly at the crowds as the cars passed—but there were many among them who could not wave.

Age-dimmed eyes smiled out at the waving banners—the banners which many others could not see.

Deafened ears prevented many from hearing the heartfelt applause—applause which included not only praise for their historical triumphs of past decades but for their triumphant appearance in the annual key event of their encampment.

SCOUTS READY TO AID

Boy Scouts, vigorous and sturdy in contrast to the time-worn veterans, lined the parade route. They stood for any respectful service they could offer the passing veterans.

And they stood in open-mouthed admiration of the soldiers of yesteryear, following their banners in the face of a death they cannot evade or conquer.

TRAGIC NOTE

Wednesday's parade marked a tragic note in Des Moines' patriotic life. Doubts were expressed among the spectators that the G. A. R., as a national unit, ever would meet again in Des Moines.

With the present age of veterans above 90, there was a fear that death would reduce membership pitifully in the next few years.

If spirit and determination count, however, they parade again.

SOME YOUNGER

In the line of march Wednesday were hundreds of younger men, more able to carry on the patriotic torch the G. A. R. has so long held high, but their rhythmic tread could not stir the hearts of those by the wayside as could those few stout-hearted veterans of the thin blue line.

The eldest veteran of the parade was Samuel F. Emerson, 97, of Maine; the youngest Capt. Eugene Marrick, 84, of California.

TWO PALS

Capering about more than any others were two aged pals who went to school together 80 years ago, they said, in Janesville, Wis. They were John Shearer, 92, Texas Department commander, and Ira Storms, 92, Utah Department commander. These old codgers chided each other, dueled with their canes, and danced together with glee—all for the fun of the spectators.

Another oldster was Charles H. Bullock, 96, of Rhode Island, the only one present of six living Rhode Island veterans.

The parade, which started in front of the Coliseum on Locust Street, rolled west to Eighth Street, turned south to Walnut Street, and returned east on Walnut Street to the post office where the review stand was erected.

MARINE BAND

Leading the parade, behind a police escort, was the United States Marine Band, led by Capt. Taylor Branson, with stirring martial music to set the pace. Col. Harry H. Polk, marshal, followed with his staff, color guard, and Iowa National Guard Units.

Sons of Union Veterans, led by Commander in Chief William Allen Dyer, acted as escort to G. A. R. officers.

Dr. Overton H. Mennet, of Los Angeles, Calif., National Commander of the G. A. R., with Brig. Gen. Guy E. Logan, local executive committee chairman; George M. Lockwood, G. A. R. Chief of Staff, and American Legion officials followed in the second division of the parade.

THIRD DIVISION

The high light of the march, however, was the third division, where the marching veterans tromped along in alphabetical order of their State departments, with the exception of Iowa, which was last.

Members of the National Association of Civil War and Sons of Veterans Musicians, marching near the head of the fourth division, formed one of the attractions of the parade as their fifes shrilled out such old tunes as *The Girl I Left Behind Me* and others of Civil War vintage.

LEGION UNITS

Following three divisions of the "boys in blue" who rode in automobiles came the Spanish-American War veterans, the American Legion units, and the Boy Scouts.

THIRTY-FOUR G. A. R. VETS FINISH 15-BLOCK MARCH

Thirty-four G. A. R. veterans, of 36 starters, finished the 15-block march through downtown Des Moines, in the seventy-second annual encampment parade.

A 10-minute stop halfway through the parade gave the veterans a chance for rest, while during the parade Boy Scouts with canteens gave drinks of cold water to the marchers.

In addition to the marchers there were approximately 75 veterans riding in automobiles.

The veterans finishing the march were: J. F. Stoddard, 90, of Massachusetts; George W. Green, 92, of Massachusetts; Sam Snow, 90, of Massachusetts; D. L. Page, 93, of Massachusetts; Charles Wingrove, 92, of Kansas; T. B. Williams, 88, of Kansas; Clarence Amadon, 92, of New Hampshire; L. E. Butterfield, 91, of New Hampshire; Dr. J. H. Stone, 92, of Indiana; F. J. Savage, 96, of Maine; Samuel F. Emerson, 97, of Maine; Lorenzo Ullom, 90, of West Virginia; R. E. Coleman, 89, of Nebraska; Theodore Penland, 94, of Oregon; Albert E. Jones, 91, of Idaho; J. W. Smith, 97, of California; C. L. Hopper, 91, of California; Capt. Eugene Merrick, 84, of California; O. H. Castle, 92, of California; Lansing Wilcox, 92, of Washington; William Kowazek, 91, of Missouri; M. H. Davidson, 91, of Kentucky; R. R. Graham, 92, of Kentucky; A. E. Gage, 92, of Illinois; M. K. Birch, 93, of Illinois; William Bilbee, 90, of New Jersey; Lewis H. Easterly, 86, of Colorado; Ira Storms, 92, of Utah; John Shearer, 92, of Texas; W. C. Fisher, 89, of Minnesota; O. S. Pearce, 91, of Minnesota; W. H. Chesbrough, 94, of Wisconsin; Charles V. Bullock, 96, of Rhode Island; W. H. Kimberly, 92, of California.

[Des Moines Dispatch, September 9, 1938]

THE G. A. R. PARADE

The tramping feet upon the street,
The quickstep and the slow,
We may not see what age is he
And yet his age we know.

The trumpet's blare rends the air,
A quickstep for the young,
But slow the beat of older feet
That march to fife and drum.

Be grateful, though, as they march slow
Whose step some years before
Was quick and smart as with brave heart
The patriot's colors bore.

So let's salute the slow-played flute;
The fife, the slow-beat drums;
Let trumpet's blare rend the air;
Too soon . . . the requiem.

—M. Edward Fitzgerald.

"BOYS IN BLUE" MARCH AGAIN—HEADS UP, SHOULDERS BACK, AS CIVIL WAR
VETERANS MARCH TO MUSIC OF UNITED STATES MARINE BAND

There may have been a spirit of '61, but it was just a "has been" compared with the show put on by the boys in blue, Wednesday, as they spurned offers to ride in automobiles, and with heads high marched in the parade commemorating their fourth encampment at Des Moines.

"What's a parade without walking?" argued one of the gray-haired marchers, as he turned down an offer to ride in the parade. Others said, "We didn't need a car in '61, and we don't need one now."

The spirit of '38, with the same wearers of blue as the principal characters, was a sight beyond human description. One had to be on the side lines with the thousands of others to appreciate all that was there to see.

It was grand. It was awe-inspiring. They started out strong and they finished stronger. It was their show and no one forgot it for a minute, although many other units were represented in the parade.

Some had to be aided, and some had to drop out to join their comrades who accepted the offers to ride from the start, but they were happy. Those who did complete the circuit under their own power were, of course, weary of foot, but undaunted, they did not forget to stride along with head high, chest out and arms waving to the many admirers.

Still, among the depleted ranks were the happy clowns who have more fun amusing others than being amused themselves. Dancing around like youngsters, they brought their knees high and arms and hands never still, they made a big hit with the ladies as they threw kisses in the direction of the fair sex.

Leading the parade was the crack United States Marine Band, here especially for the national encampment. Their tunes, marches, popular in the days of the Civil War, were not quite as snappy as was heard last week as they played for concerts. Tempo slowed down to cope with the aged marchers, they set the pace for the procession.

High-school bands and the Eldora Training School Band were distributed through the parade to keep the "boys" in high spirits.

Along the route of the parade were stationed doctors and nurses to offer first aid if necessary. Also spotted en route were khaki-clad Boy Scouts with water to moisten dry and wrinkled throats, but very few accepted the liquid when offered.

In the parade, too, marching with a firmer step, were the active National Guard units, lending a perspective of what the Grand Army of the Republic marchers may have looked like at the time when they went to battle.

Forgotten for the moment was the past, as the National Guard rode and walked by. One onlooker commented, "It won't be long before we'll see a lot of those marching along our streets." But minds were not long to linger on that thought, as again the blue clad hove into sight, this time in many automobiles.

Inscribed on stickers of some of the machines was the invitation, "You marched for us in '61; ride with us now."

Bombs which shot United States flags high into the air to float slowly to earth again by way of tiny parachutes set the parade off and let the patient "customers" know their heroes were soon to be along.

The throngs that lined the streets to watch arrived an hour or two before parade time and quickly filled the shady sides of the route. Before the parade started, however, the other sides were packed with those who could brave the beating sun.

Yes; those boys put on a show, and those who did not take time to see it have only themselves to blame. They, God bless them, are not likely to be here again, and those who did see them will always remember.

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TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Madison, Wis., September 9, 1937.

I. Having been elected commander in chief of the Seventy-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, and installed, I hereby assume command.

II. Headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic are established in Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, Calif., where all official communications should be addressed to the adjutant general.

III. The following appointments are hereby announced:

Adjutant general: Russell C. Martin, 1816 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, Calif.

Quartermaster general: Samuel S. Fowler, 340 City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa.

IV. Further appointments will be announced in future general orders.

OVERTON H. MENNET,
Commander in Chief.

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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
PATRIOTIC HALL,
Los Angeles, Calif., December 1, 1937.

I. At the Seventy-first National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, held in Madison, Wis., September 5-9, 1937, the following named comrades were elected to the offices designated below:

Commander in chief: Overton H. Mennet, Los Angeles, Calif.

Senior vice commander in chief: Henry Held, West Allis, Wis.

Junior vice commander in chief: Robert M. Rownd, Ripley, N. Y.

Surgeon general: Dr. Edward H. Cowan, Crawsfordsville, Ind.

Chaplain in chief: Rev. Martin V. Stone, Jamestown, N. Y.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION

Alabama: Frank McCloud, Fairhope, Ala.

Arkansas: J. M. Bryant, Little Rock, Ark.

California and Nevada: Russell C. Martin, Los Angeles, Calif.

Colorado and Wyoming: James E. Jewel, Fort Morgan, Colo.

Connecticut: Edward T. Abbott, Bridgeport, Conn.

Delaware: James T. Twigg, Wilmington, Del.

Florida: C. H. Parker, Zephyrhills, Fla.

Idaho:

Illinois: Thomas Ambrose, Chicago, Ill.

Indiana: John H. Hoffman, Ligonier, Ind.

Iowa: Oley Nelson, Slater, Iowa.

Kansas: W. W. Nixon, Jewell, Kans.

Kentucky: M. H. Davidson, Louisville, Ky.

Louisiana and Mississippi: William Rochester, Natchez, Miss.

Maine: Charles E. Nason, Gray, Maine.

Maryland: George T. Leech, Baltimore, Md.

Massachusetts: Joseph T. Stoddard, Chelsea, Mass.

Michigan: A. C. Estabrook, Grand Rapids, Mich.

Minnesota: W. W. Holcomb, St. Paul, Minn.

Missouri: A. J. P. Barnes, Joplin, Mo.

Montana: George I. Reiche, Helena, Mont.

Nebraska : John S. Davisson, Omaha, Nebr.
 New Hampshire : Frank E. Amadon, Keene, N. H.
 New Jersey : William H. Bilbee, Trenton, N. J.
 New York : Calvin L. Vincent, Elmira, N. Y.
 North Dakota : J. H. Seright, Denbigh, N. Dak.
 Ohio : Sol Zarbaugh, Toledo, Ohio.
 Oklahoma : G. I. Gordon, Oklahoma City, Okla.
 Oregon : T. A. Penland, Portland, Oreg.
 Pennsylvania : J. L. Chapman, Scranton, Pa.
 Potomac : William F. Dorsey, Washington, D. C.
 Rhode Island : Charles H. Bullock, East Providence, R. I.
 South Dakota : Levi Van Voorhis, Huron, S. Dak.
 Texas : John Shearer, Houston, Tex.
 Utah : Ira Stormes, Salt Lake City, Utah.
 Vermont : John H. Amadon, Waterville, Vt.
 Virginia and North Carolina : Charles Grandy, Norfolk, Va.
 Washington and Alaska : W. A. Wilcox, Tacoma, Wash.
 West Virginia : Thomas Carder, Parkersburg, W. Va.
 Wisconsin : Charles M. Hambright, Wilwaukee, Wis.

II. The following appointments on the staff of the commander in chief are announced :

Adjutant general : Russell C. Martin, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Quartermaster general : Samuel S. Fowler, Philadelphia, Pa.
 Judge advocate general : James W. Willett, Tama, Iowa.
 Inspector general : R. H. Hoffman, Denver, Colo.
 National patriotic instructor : Rustan O. Reed, Seattle, Wash.
 Assistant adjutant general : Joseph B. Henninger, Indianapolis, Ind.
 Chief of staff : George N. Lockwood, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Senior aide de camp : J. W. Carroll, Lisbon, N. Dak.

III. By vote of the national council of administration at its meeting in the Loraine Hotel, Madison, Wis., September 9, 1937, the executive committee will consist of the commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, adjutant general, quartermaster general, and three comrades appointed from the department representatives on the national council of administration. In accordance with this action the following-named comrades are appointed members of the executive committee to serve with the officers named :

Oley Nelson, Slater, Iowa.
 W. W. Nixon, Jewell, Kans.
 Sol Zarbaugh, Toledo, Ohio.

IV. National headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic is established in room 202, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, Calif., where all official communications to the commander in chief and adjutant general should be addressed.

V. The Seventy-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will meet in Des Moines, Iowa, and the date will be announced in future general orders.

VI. The following committees are appointed :

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

Alfred E. Stacey, Elbridge, N. Y.
 William F. Dorsey, Washington, D. C.
 Edwin H. Lincoln, Pittsfield, Mass.
 Spencer Smith, Paterson, N. J.
 Josiah C. Read, New York, N. Y.

COMMITTEE ON RULES AND REGULATIONS, AND RITUAL

C. H. William Ruhe, Pittsburgh, Pa.
 James W. Willett, Tama, Iowa.
 Russell C. Martin, Los Angeles, Calif.
 Edwin J. Foster, Worcester, Mass.
 James E. Jewel, Fort Morgan, Colo.

VII. Comrade Sol Zarbaugh, Toledo, Ohio, was elected trustee of the permanent fund for 3 years and Comrade C. H. William Ruhe was elected for 2 years.

VIII. The rules and regulations provide that the trustees of the permanent fund shall be elected from the permanent membership of the national encampment. We regret that Comrade Sol Zarbaugh is not a permanent member of the national encampment and hence is disqualified from serving as a trustee. Comrade J. King Gibson, past chaplain in chief, Dayton, Ohio, is appointed to serve as trustee until the next national encampment.

IX. All requisitions for supplies, with remittance therefor, must be sent to the quartermaster general, Samuel S. Fowler, 340 City Hall, Philadelphia, Pa. Drafts, checks, and money orders should be made to the quartermaster general, Grand Army of the Republic. All remittances for less than \$5 must be sent in post office money orders.

X. Assistant adjutants general are requested to forward promptly to these headquarters notice of death of any permanent member of the national encampment in their respective departments, with a brief sketch of their military and Grand Army service for publication in general orders.

XI. Assistant adjutants general are requested to forward to national headquarters, immediately after the receipt of these orders, the department roster, the journal of the last department encampment, if not already sent, and all general orders issued during the year.

XII. Department commanders will forward to these headquarters the names of comrades whom they wish to recommend for appointment as aides-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief. They are requested to give the full name of each comrade recommended, post number, and post-office address, so that the notice of appointment may be sent him promptly.

XIII. Assistant adjutants general are requested to send to the chaplain in chief, Rev. Martin V. Stone, 18 Columbia Avenue, Jamestown, N. Y., the name and address of the department chaplain, and to the national patriotic instructor, Rustan O. Reed, 122 Harvard Avenue, North, Seattle, Wash., the name and address of the department patriotic instructor.

XIV. Comrades are advised that requests for an opinion or an appeal from the decision of a department commander must be made to the commander in chief, who will ask the judge advocate general for an opinion. This opinion accordingly must have the approval of the commander in chief, to be official, who, if he approves, will so render his decision.

XV. The commander in chief wishes to visit as many department encampments as possible and assistant adjutants general are asked to notify him immediately of the location of department encampments and dates, if decided.

XVI. Department commanders and assistant adjutants general are reminded of the importance of forwarding their reports for the term ending December 31, 1937, with per capita tax, 2 cents a member, not later than February 1, 1938. Form C will be mailed to assistant adjutants general in December, with number of posts and members entered thereon, as last reported, and these reports must be signed by the officers of the department and not by the secretary. Checks or money orders should be made payable to the quartermaster general, Grand Army of the Republic, but must be sent with Form C to Russell C. Martin, adjutant general, Patriotic Hall, 1816 South Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, Calif. Comrades at large from departments which have surrendered charters should send \$1 to the quartermaster general for their dues for 1938.

XVII. The department commander of California and Nevada having appointed Comrade S. R. Yoho a member of the national council of administration, to fill the vacancy caused by the appointment of Comrade Russell C. Martin as adjutant general, the appointment is confirmed.

XVIII. The following resolutions were adopted:

"1. The Grand Army of the Republic, at the close of its seventy-first national encampment, held in Madison, the capitol city of Wisconsin, for itself and its auxiliary and allied societies, expresses its sincere gratitude to the Governor and State of Wisconsin, the mayor and citizens of Madison, the Madison and Wisconsin Foundation and its executive director, Col. J. W. Jackson, the University of Wisconsin, the United States Marine Band, the management and employees of the Hotel Loraine and other hotels where our members stayed, the patriotic societies of Madison and Wisconsin, the various broadcasting companies and radio stations, the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts, for the extremely kind and gracious reception tendered to them. We feel that the entire people of your beautiful city have, without exception, sought to make our visit here a grand success.

"We leave with feelings of much regret at parting and will ever remember the pleasant time we have had in your midst as your guests, with especial

acknowledgment of your friendly treatment and the newspaper courtesies extended us. The patriotic devotion of your people toward the veterans of the Civil War and their attendants, all and singular, will ever linger in our memory. As we leave you for our homes, we wish you continued joy and peace in your own pleasant home surroundings and as we separate we again thank you without reserve for your extreme hospitality.

"2. Whereas the war of 1861-65 was not a war between States, but a civil war, and

"Whereas the Supreme Court of the United States, in numerous decisions has held that the war of 1861-65 was a civil war, and

"Whereas many Confederate generals, including Beauregard, Law, Hood, J. E. Johnston, Kirby Smith, Cheatham, Basil Duke, and others have written, for publication, articles under the title and description 'Battles and Leaders of the Civil War,' and never used the term 'War Between the States,' and

"Whereas Congress has published the records of that war in many volumes entitled 'Official Records of the War of the Rebellion'; and

"Whereas in February 1911 on motion of Congressman Charles L. Bartlett of Georgia, the Congress passed a resolution changing the designation 'War of the Rebellion' to 'Civil War'; and

"Whereas there was no treaty of peace following the surrender of the armies of Lee and Johnston, nor proclamation made by any State or the National Government that the war was ended; and

"Whereas it is beyond any question that the victor and not the vanquished has the sole right to give the war a name; and

"Whereas for more than 60 years following the Civil War, the designation 'War between the States,' had never been heard from or found its way into print; and

"Whereas such designation is not descriptive of what actually took place and is absolutely untrue: Therefore be it

"Resolved, That to substitute 'War between the States,' for 'Civil War' would be abject surrender to southern propaganda; and be it further

"Resolved by the Grand Army of the Republic at its seventy-first national encampment, held at Madison, Wis., September 5-10, 1937, That we strongly protest the use of the phrase 'War between the States' in any publication concerning the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg, and that wherever such phrase occurs there be substituted the words 'Civil War' to conform to the designation given by the immortal Abraham Lincoln in his Gettysburg address, 'We are now engaged in a great civil war.'

"Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the adjutant general to the chairman of the Pennsylvania State commission in charge of the celebration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of the Battle of Gettysburg.

"3. *Resolved*, That the commander in chief appoint a committee to notify Paul L. Roy, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Gettysburg commission that we are willing to attend a reunion of citizens of the United States who at one time were opposed to one another in a civil war, and who now wish to join in a reunion at Gettysburg in 1938 for the purpose of showing to the citizens of the United States our reconciliation to the results of that civil war, and at such reunion to have in view only the flag of this United States of America."

XIX. It was voted, on recommendation of the committee on resolutions, that Commander in Chief C. H. William Ruhe appoint himself one of the committee to confer with Secretary Paul L. Roy of the Gettysburg commission. The following were named as the committee: Thomas Ambrose, James W. Willett, C. H. William Rhue.

XX. The following amendments to the rules and regulations were adopted.

CHAPTER I

Article I, to read:

"This association shall be known as the Grand Army of the Republic. This association cannot, shall not, and will not have any successors of any kind.

"This article cannot be altered, amended, or repealed."

CHAPTER II

Article I, section 2, to read:

"No charter shall be surrendered by any post as long as one member desires continuance." (Eliminate rest of section.)

Article II, section 2, to read:

"The application shall be presented at a stated meeting by a member of the post, who shall vouch for the applicant's eligibility. It shall then be referred to a committee for investigation and report."

Article II, section 10. Eliminate entire section.

Article III, section 1, add:

"Comrades, who for any reason desire to change their membership from a post to membership at large, shall be granted permission to do so, on written application."

Article IV, section 4, to read:

"Members of disbanded posts, who were in good standing at the time of such dissolution, shall receive from the assistant adjutant general of the department, certificates of membership at large, for which they shall pay to department headquarters \$1 per year as dues."

Article V, section 1, to read:

"The stated meetings of the post shall be held at least monthly, except that posts having less than five members may hold meetings at the call of the post commander."

Article V, section 3, to read:

"Five members qualified to transact business shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of posts having 25 members or more, but in posts having less than 25 members, any number of members present shall constitute a quorum."

Article V, section 5, an additional section:

"Posts, at their option, may admit to their meetings members in good standing of the following organizations: Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. They may not participate in any official proceedings of the Post, by vote or otherwise."

Article VI, section 1: Eliminate from list of post officers, the following: "Surgeon, sergeant major, and quartermaster sergeant."

Article VI, section 4, an additional section:

"The post commander may, on the recommendation of the adjutant and the quartermaster, appoint a secretary, to assist the adjutant and quartermaster in the duties of their respective offices. They may not participate in the official proceedings of the post, except as it becomes necessary in the keeping and reading of records and reports. The secretary, or secretaries, so appointed must be members in good standing in one of the auxiliaries or allied organizations officially recognized by the national encampment. (See Chap. II, art. V, sec. 5.) The secretary must not be installed nor sign reports, as they must be signed by the officers for whom the secretary has prepared them. A secretary must not be appointed for any officer but the adjutant and quartermaster."

Article VII, section 1, paragraph 1 to read:

"The post officers (the adjutant, quartermaster, and patriotic instructor excepted) shall be elected by ballot at the first stated meeting in December, unless a ballot be dispensed with by unanimous consent. They shall be installed into their respective offices at the first stated meeting in January following. Such installation may be conducted publicly at a special meeting to be held for that purpose, when no part of the opening or closing services or signs of recognition shall be used. Posts may, in departments which have so voted, elect officers at a stated meeting in October and install at a stated meeting in November."

Article VII, section 1, paragraph 2, to read:

"At the installation of officers, the post commander shall appoint the adjutant, quartermaster, and patriotic instructor and may remove these officers at his pleasure. They shall enter upon their duties at once, and all officers, whether elected or appointed, shall hold office until their successors are installed."

Article VII, section 3, to read:

"Posts may fill any vacancy in their offices at any stated meeting, provided notice has been given at a previous meeting of the date on which the proposed action is to be taken."

Article VIII, section 5, to read:

"The patriotic instructor shall discharge such duties in connection with the office as may be required of him."

Article VIII, section 8: Eliminate entire section and change sections 9 to 13 to sections 8 to 12, respectively.

Article IX to read:

"Each post shall, at the first stated meeting in December, annually elect from its own members, representatives and an equal number of alternates to the department encampment in the manner described in chapter III, article II, section 3, except that in departments which elect officers in October, the representatives and alternates shall be elected in October."

CHAPTER III

Article II, change the word "First" to section 1, to read:

"Comrades who have served as commanders in chief, senior or junior vice commanders in chief and are residents of the department and in good standing in their respective posts; the department commander, all past department commanders and past senior and junior vice department commanders, who have served for a full term of 1 year, or who, having been elected to fill a vacancy shall have served to the end of the term, so long as they remain in good standing; and the other officers mentioned in article IV, section 2 of this chapter; and all past post commanders who have served for a full term of 1 year, or until the consolidation of their posts with another, or who, having been elected to fill a vacancy, shall have served to the end of their term, so long as they remain in good standing in their respective posts."

Article II, change the word "Second" to section 2.

Article II, change the word "Third" to section 3, to read:

"Members elected by ballot by the several posts, in such ratio as may be determined by a two-thirds vote of the members present and voting at any previous annual encampment. These elected members, and an equal number of alternates, shall be chosen at the time and in the mode of electing officers of posts at the first stated meeting in December, or October, as the department may determine, and shall serve during the year, commencing on the 1st day of January following. Any vacancies that may occur, shall be filled in the same manner as provided in chapter II, article VII, section 2." (No change in remainder of this section.)

Article II, change the word "Fourth" to section 4, to read:

"The number of representatives to which each post is entitled shall be determined by the annual report last preceding the election. Department encampments, may, however, vote to make all members in good standing in the department, voting members of the encampment."

Article II, change the word "Fifth" to section 5, to read:

"Past department commanders, past senior and junior vice department commanders, and past post commanders, who have moved to another department than that in which they so served and have joined a post by transfer card may be entitled to all the honors and privileges of such positions in the post and in the encampment of that department so long as they remain in good standing in their posts. The posts to which such past officers belong are authorized to include their names in the credentials required to be forwarded to department headquarters."

Article IV, section 3, an additional section, to read:

"A secretary may be appointed by the department commander, on the recommendation of the assistant adjutant and quartermaster general, or elected by the department encampment as it may determine, to assist the assistant adjutant and quartermaster general in the duties of these respective offices. The secretary so appointed must be a member in good standing in one of the auxiliary or allied organizations officially recognized by the national encampment (ch. II, art. V, sec. 5) but shall not be installed. All reports and general orders may be prepared by the secretary, but the secretary's name must not be signed to such reports or general orders. A secretary shall not be appointed for any other officer."

Article VI, section 1: Eliminate from list of officers, medical director, assistant inspectors, and assistant patriotic instructors.

Article VI, section 5, to read:

"The inspector shall perform such duties as are prescribed in chapter V, article V."

Article VI, section 7 is eliminated; section 8 and section 9 become section 7 and section 8, respectively.

Article VI, section 10 becomes section 9, to read:

"The various staff officers shall make to the Department Encampment, at each stated meeting, full and complete reports, in writing, of the operations of their offices, and when retiring from office shall deliver to their successors all

moneys, books, and other property of the department in their possession or under their control."

Article VIII, to read:

"Each voting member present at a meeting of the department encampment shall be entitled to one vote. Ayes and noes may be required by any three members representing different posts."

CHAPTER IV

Article II, section 1, paragraph 1, to read:

"Of the commander in chief, past commanders in chief, past senior and past junior vice commander in chief, past surgeons general, past chaplains in chief, past adjutants general and past quartermasters general, so long as they remain in good standing in their respective posts, and the other officers named in article IV, section 2, of this chapter."

Article II, section 1, paragraph 4, to read:

"Of one representative at large from each department and 1 representative for each 50 members in good standing therein, and 1 additional representative for a final fraction of more than one-half of that number; such representatives to be elected by the department encampment as provided in chapter III, article IX."

Article II, section 2; eliminate, beginning with "Provided," in seventh line on page 21, through remainder of section.

Article III, section 1, to read:

"The National Encampment shall be held annually between April and November as decided, in a city chosen by the National Encampment, or by the commander in chief and executive committee, if it becomes necessary to make a change."

Article IV, section 2, to read:

"The national officers of the Grand Army of the Republic shall be a commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, junior vice commander in chief, surgeon general, chaplain in chief, adjutant general, quartermaster general, judge advocate general, inspector general, national patriotic instructor, and a council of administration, consisting of the above-named officers and one comrade from each department, to be elected by the National Encampment on nomination by his department."

Article IV, section 3, an additional section, to read:

"A secretary may be appointed by the commander in chief, or elected by the National Encampment as it may determine, to assist the commander in chief and adjutant general in the transaction of the national headquarters business. The secretary must be a competent stenographer, so that a verbatim record may be made of all official transactions in an emergency. The secretary will attend to the detail work of the office, prepare all reports, general orders, etc., under the direction of the commander in chief, and shall be a member in good standing in one of the auxiliary or allied organizations recognized by the National Encampment." (See ch. II, art. V, sec. 5.)

Article IV, section 4, an additional section, to read:

"There may be admitted to the meetings of the national council of administration, the presiding officer and one delegate elected from the permanent membership of the national organizations of the Woman's Relief Corps, Ladies of the G. A. R., Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. These representatives may sit in the meetings of the national council of administration, but may not have a vote. They may have a voice in the proceedings only by a three-fourths vote of the entire membership of the national council."

Article V, section 1: Change the order of officers named by having the judge advocate general follow the quartermaster general, then the inspector general.

Article VI, section 1: In line 6, page 23, change judge advocate general to precede inspector general; in lines 8 and 9, eliminate "as many assistant inspectors general, on the nomination of the inspector general;" and eliminate last two lines, "and appoint provisional commanders in States and Territories where there is no department organization."

Article VI, sections 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are renumbered to conform to rank of the officers. Sections 6 and 7, duties of surgeon general and chaplain in chief, become sections 3 and 4; sections now printed as sections 3 and 4, duties of the adjutant general and quartermaster general, become sections 5 and 6.

Article VI, section 7, to read:

"The judge advocate general shall perform the duties pertaining to his office and shall render to the commander in chief, and to no other person, an opinion on any question submitted to him."

Article VI, section 8, to read:

"The inspector general and the national patriotic instructor shall perform the duties pertaining to those offices."

Article VI, section 9, paragraph 1, to read:

"The national council of administration, 10 members of which shall constitute a quorum, shall meet immediately after the adjournment of the national encampment, and at such other times and places as the commander in chief may order. It shall audit the accounts of the quartermaster general and may propose plans of action."

Article VI, section 9, paragraph 2, an additional paragraph, to read:

"The national council of administration shall be represented between its meetings, except for the purposes of election of officers, by an executive committee, consisting of the commander in chief, senior vice commander in chief, adjutant general, quartermaster general, and such members of the department elective representatives on the council as may be determined by the national council of administration in its meeting."

Article VI, section 10: Change word "departments" at end of third line to "offices."

Article VIII, section 3, paragraph 1: In first line, change word "may" to "must."

Article VIII, section 3, paragraph 2, to read:

"The trustees are authorized and directed to turn over to the quartermaster general, when proper requisition is made by the commander in chief, such sum or sums of money as may be actually necessary to meet current expenses of the national organization; it being understood that this shall not exceed the amount of \$4,000 in any 1 year. The trustees are also authorized and directed to sell and transfer in such manner as may be legally necessary, such securities held in this fund as may be required to conform to the above order."

Article VIII, section 4, to read:

"The trustees shall annually elect one of their number treasurer of the board of trustees, who shall give bond in the sum of \$5,000 for the faithful discharge of his duties, such bond to be in a surety company, approved by the commander in chief."

Article IX to read each "voting" member instead of each member.

CHAPTER V

Article I, section 3, to read:

"Post charters shall not be surrendered while one member desires continuance of the post. In case of surrender or forfeiture of a charter, the property of the department, including books of record and post papers shall be immediately turned over to the assistant adjutant general of the department and shall be subject to the disposition of the department encampment. If any post has any property, moneys, or effects of any kind unexpended when the post has disbanded, then such property, money, or effects shall become the property of the department. Any post surrendering its charter may, if it shall so vote, deposit all books of record and post papers with the nearest historical society, public library, or managers of a Grand Army memorial building, within such department, to be kept and preserved by such society, library, or managers of such memorial building. The receipt of such historical society, public library, or managers of a Grand Army memorial building, deposited with the assistant adjutant general, shall be evidence that the rules and regulations have been complied with. It shall be the duty of the commander of the post making such deposit to procure such receipt and forward the same to the assistant adjutant general."

Article I, section 6: Entire section eliminated.

Article II, section 1: Change the word "commander" in the first line to "adjutant." In the eighth line, after "junior vice commander in chief", add "surgeon general, chaplain in chief, adjutant general, quartermaster general."

Article II, section 2: In third line eliminate "and surgeon's" and change "returns" to "reports." In the fourth line eliminate "and the medical director respectively." (This refers only to reports.)

Article II, section 3, change first three lines to read: "The adjutant general shall, on receipt of reports, note thereon the date of reception and turn over to the quartermaster general the returns belonging to that office."

Article II, section 6: Entire section eliminated.

Article II, section 7 now becomes section 6.

Article III, section 1, to read:

"The national encampment, at its annual sessions, shall assess a per capita tax on each and every member in good standing. Such tax shall be payable annually and shall be forwarded before February 1 to the adjutant general."

Article III, section 3: In second line change "per capita tax" to "dues."

Article V: Eliminate section 2, 3, and 4; section 5 becomes section 2.

XXI. The quartermaster general has several hundred copies of the last edition of the rules and regulations. He will be furnished copies of the amendments adopted by the last National Encampment in proper size for insertion in the rules and regulations. As all posts should own a copy of the amended rules and regulations they are urged to order them through their assistant quartermaster general. To cover the cost of printing the amendments and mailing, the quartermaster general has set the price of 20 cents for the rules and regulations and amendments.

XXII. Your commander in chief desires to express his appreciation of the honor conferred on him by his election as commander in chief. He is grateful to all who in any way contributed to his success in Madison and pledges his best efforts for the year ahead.

XXIII. The commander in chief in behalf of all at national headquarters wishes for all his comrades and all the members of the auxiliary and allied organizations a happy and peaceful Christmas and a successful New Year.

By command of—

OVERTON H. MENNET,
Commander in Chief.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,
Adjutant General.

General Orders }
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NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
PATRIOTIC HALL,
Los Angeles, Calif., April 6, 1938.

"They are where the brave encamp
Round the folded flags of peace,
Where the true with martial tramp
Travel when their battles cease."

I. In accordance with the rules and regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic, Monday, May 30, will be observed as Memorial Day.

II. Let us see that the graves of all of our comrades are decorated with the flag under which they served and let flowers be placed on their graves and strewn upon the waters in memory of our sailor dead.

"Wreath it with laurels, each grass-covered mound,
Scatter the lillies and roses around:
Plant in its beauty our flag at its head,
To wave in the breezes o'er our soldier dead."

III. As provided by the Forty-fifth National Encampment, flags shall be placed at half mast until 12 o'clock noon, at which time bells shall be tolled for 5 minutes, during which time all comrades shall remain standing with uncovered head in tribute to their departed comrades.

IV. The national encampment has directed that General Logan's Memorial Day Order and President Lincoln's Gettysburg Address shall be read at all public services on Memorial Day.

GENERAL LOGAN'S MEMORIAL ORDER

General Order {
No. 11 }

HEADQUARTERS, GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
Washington, D. C., May 5, 1868.

I. The 30th day of May 1868 is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land. In this observance no form of ceremony is prescribed, but posts and comrades

will in their own way arrange such fitting services and testimonials of respect as circumstances may permit.

We are organized, comrades, as our regulations tell us, for the purpose, among other things, "of preserving and strengthening those kind and fraternal feelings which have bound together the soldiers, sailors, and marines who united to suppress the late rebellion." What can aid more to assure this result than by cherishing tenderly the memory of our heroic dead, who made their breasts a barricade between our country and its foes? Their soldier lives were the reveille of freedom to a race in chains, and their death a tattoo of rebellious tyranny in arms. We should guard their graves with sacred vigilance. All that the consecrated wealth and taste of the Nation can add to their adornment and security is but a fitting tribute to the memory of her slain defenders. Let no wanton foot tread rudely on such hallowed grounds. Let pleasant paths invite the coming and going of reverent visitors and fond mourners. Let no vandalism of avarice or neglect, no ravages of time, testify to the present or to the coming generations that we have forgotten, as a people, the cost of a free and undivided republic.

If other eyes grow dull and other hands slack, and other hearts cold in the solemn trust, ours shall keep it well, as long as the light and warmth of life remain in us.

Let us, then, at the time appointed, gather around their sacred remains and garland the passionless mounds above them with choicest flowers of springtime; let us raise above them the dear old flag they saved from dishonor; let us in this solemn presence renew our pledges to aid and assist those whom they have left among us as sacred charges upon the Nation's gratitude—the soldier's and sailor's widow and orphan.

II. It is the purpose of the commander in chief to inaugurate this observance with the hope that it will be kept up from year to year, while a survivor of the war remains to honor the memory of his departed comrades. He earnestly desires the public press to call attention to this order, and lend its friendly aid in bringing it to the notice of comrades in all parts of the country in time for simultaneous compliance therewith.

III. Department commanders will use every effort to make this order effective.

By command of—

JOHN A. LOGAN,
Commander in Chief.

N. P. CHIPMAN,
Adjutant General.

LINCOLN'S GETTYSBURG ADDRESS

Four score and seven years ago our fathers brought forth upon this continent a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. Now we are engaged in a great civil war, testing whether that nation, or any nation so conceived and so dedicated, can long endure. We are met on a great battle field of that war. We have come to dedicate a portion of that field as a final resting place for those who here gave their lives that that nation might live. It is altogether fitting and proper that we should do this. But, in a larger sense, we cannot dedicate, we cannot consecrate, we cannot hallow this ground. The brave men, living and dead, who struggled here have consecrated it far above our poor power to add or detract. The world will little note nor long remember what we say here, but it can never forget what they did here. It is for us, the living, rather to be dedicated here to the unfinished work which they who fought here have thus far so nobly advanced. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us, that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that this Nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth.

V. Sunday, May 22, will be observed as Memorial Sunday. Comrades are urged to attend church services on that day and to invite the members of our auxiliary and allied orders to accompany them.

VI. Comrades are asked to visit the schools the week preceding Memorial Day, at a time convenient for the school authorities, thus serving as a reminder to the children of that crucial time in the history of our Nation, the 4 years of civil war.

VII. Department chaplains are requested to send their reports to the chaplain in chief, Rev. Martin V. Stone, 18 Columbia Avenue, Jamestown, N. Y.

VIII. The second Sunday in May has been observed for many years as Mothers' Day. On Sunday, May 8, let us wear a white carnation in memory of our mothers.

"God sent the birds and sunshine to gladden all the world,
He sent the foliage and flowers in radiance unfurled,
He sent the stars, the moon, and pearly dewdrops sweet,
And then he sent a Mother dear, to make it all complete."

IX. Tuesday, June 14, will be observed as Flag Day and all posts are urged to join with allied organizations and the public in a proper observance of the day.

"All deeds man wrought, must pass away
Ere history's course is run;
All creeds, man made, must yet decay
Before the tale is done;
But one heart emblem still remains
Earth relic of the past,
Across the sweep of endless plains,
The STARS AND STRIPES WILL LAST."

By command of—

OVERTON H. MENNET,
Commander in Chief.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,
Adjutant General.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 4 }
SERIES 1937-38 }

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
PATRIOTIC HALL,
Los Angeles, Calif., June 10, 1938.

I. The Seventy-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, September 4 to 9, 1938. The national headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Woman's Relief Corps will be located in Hotel Fort Des Moines.

II. The Des Moines Encampment Committee has been organized with Gen. Guy L. Logan as chairman and Mrs. Ethel H. Early as secretary, which ensures the success of the encampment, as they have served in these positions in all previous encampments held in Des Moines. All requests for rooms and other information should be sent to Mrs. Ethel H. Early, Convention Bureau, Des Moines, Iowa.

III. Application has been made to the passenger associations for reduced rates for the national encampment, but without success. They have notified us that because of the substantial reduction already made in railroad fares by all the passenger associations, no reduced rates will be granted for any convention.

IV. Comrades are again reminded that they should secure the amended Rules and Regulations. These may be ordered through the post quartermaster, who will secure them from the assistant adjutant general of the department.

V. Comrades are reminded that the Rules and Regulations of the Grand Army of the Republic forbid the presentation of the Grand Army badge or bronze button to anyone not a member of the order. Furthermore, the laws of most States make the wearing of the badge or button by anyone not a member a criminal offense.

VI. The department commander of Delaware having appointed Comrade Thomas Hammonds a member of the national council of administration, vice James T. Twigg, deceased, the appointment is confirmed.

VII. The department commander of Florida having appointed Comrade Charles H. Eldredge a member of the national council of administration, vice Charles H. Parker, deceased, the appointment is confirmed.

VIII. The department commander of Idaho having appointed Comrade James P. Taylor a member of the national council of administration, vice Judson Spofford, deceased, the appointment is confirmed.

IX. The following comrades, having complied with the necessary requirements, are hereby appointed aides-de-camp on the staff of the commander in chief:

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

Ames, Elisha, Post 188, Los Angeles.	Mass, Peter H., Post 1, San Francisco.
Aughinbaugh, Samuel, Post 200, Los Angeles.	May, Erie A., Post 88, Berkeley.
Bayles, Daniel, Post 75, Red Bluff.	Mingay, Henry M., Post 170, Tujunga.
Beebe, D. R., Post 181, Long Beach.	Mullen, John M., Post 19, Chico.
Blair, Robert C., Post 55, Los Angeles.	Shafer, Austin C., Post 55, Los Angeles.
Blanchard, C. H., Post 9, Oakland.	Shaw, Alfred J., Post 6, Los Angeles.
Buttles, M. M., Post 93, Pasadena.	Smith, John W., Post 32, Santa Cruz.
Clark, W. C., Post 57, San Bernardino.	Tomaw, Henry C., Post 170, Glendale.
Eaton, John T., Post 153, West Los Angeles.	Veatch, H. C., Post 96, Gridley.
Grimes, John W., Post 181, Long Beach.	Vest, Arthur E., Post 172, San Diego.
Hoch, William F., Post 93, Pasadena.	Wilkinson, Elbridge G., ¹ Stockton.
Honer, Joseph, Post 88, Berkeley.	Wiley, Julius B., Post 182, Whittier.
Huntington, George, Post 181, Long Beach.	Wolcott, Darwin B., Post 55, Los Angeles.
Johnson, Walter A., Post 106, Glendale.	Yoho, Samuel R., Post 2, San Francisco.
McConnell, James, Post 19, Chico.	Young, F. R., Post 50, Oakland.
McDonald, John, Post 17, Santa Ana.	

ILLINOIS

Burke, John, Post 668, Chicago, Ill.	Nichols, Silas S., Post 374, Waukegan.
Garner, William W., Post 77, Knox, Ind.	Parker, R. D., Post 91, Downers Grove.
Glenn, William M., Post 443, Belleville.	Roberts, Alexander H., Post 128, Murphys-
Livingstone, William M., Post 67, Peoria.	boro.
Luchsinger, Jacob, Post 309, Depue.	Shumate, Hiram H., Post 30, Springfield.
McLoskey, R. H., Post 340, Monmouth.	Trumbull, George F., Post 1, Rockford.

KANSAS

Wingrove, Charles,¹ Clay Center.

MISSOURI

Allen, E. W., Post 26, Nevada.	Pierson, John L., Post 1, St. Louis.
Hollingsworth, Jonathan, Post 4, Kansas City.	Smith, G. W., Post 22, Kirksville.

OHIO

Christman, W. D., Post 345, Glouster.	Pfiester, Frederick, Post 13, Cincinnati.
Kern, George V., Post 81, Adamsville.	Van Camp, Ransom, Post 31, Tiffin.

OREGON

Ridge, J. W., Post 12, Portland.

PENNSYLVANIA

Lunenberg, Wm. L., Post 3, Pittsburgh.	Watson, George W., ¹ Wrightsville.
Sands, George, Post 3, Pittsburgh.	

RHODE ISLAND

Hopkins, Jeremiah D., Post 14, Bristol.	Taber, Amasa P., Post 14, West Warwick.
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WISCONSIN

Bigford, Royal O., Post 130, Fond du Lac.	Moulton, C. F., Post 11, Madison.
Chesbrough, W. H., Post 54, Beloit.	Pride, Albert, Post 130, Fond du Lac.
Kibbe, A. R., Post 103, New Richmond.	Reed, Ira G., Post 52, Eau Clair.
Luick, John, Post 1, Milwaukee.	Regli, Barth, Post 52, Eau Clair.

By command of—

OVERTON H. MENNET,
Commander in Chief.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,
Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIAM

Comrade Oley Nelson, elected commander in chief in Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1935, died at his home in Slater, Iowa, April 15, aged 93 years. He enlisted June 17, 1864, in Company D, Fortieth Wisconsin Infantry (University Regiment), which was assigned to General Sturgis' Brigade, Fifteenth Army Corps, with headquarters at Memphis, Tenn. He was discharged September 17, 1864,

¹ Member at large.

because of sickness. His father had enlisted in 1861 in the Eighth Wisconsin Infantry (Eagle Regiment) and had died in the summer of 1862 while returning to Wisconsin on sick leave, from the South. In 1867 Comrade Nelson brought his mother to Des Moines, Iowa, and soon settled in Story County, becoming a merchant and banker there.

Comrade Nelson was an active member of Post No. 30, Ames, Iowa, until its charter was surrendered, when he became a member-at-large. He was elected department commander in 1927, appointed national chief of staff in 1931 to fill a vacancy, elected senior vice commander in chief in 1931, and was a member of the executive committee of the national council of administration at the time of his death. He was a member of Grenville M. Dodge Camp No. 75, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Comrade Nelson was a member of the Twenty-first and Twenty-second General Assembly of Iowa and was instrumental in having the Soldiers Home at Marshalltown established during his service in the legislature. For the past 14 years he had served as sergeant at arms of the house. He was an active and prominent member of the Lutheran Church and had served as president of St. Olaf's College, Northfield, Minn., for 7 years and then as chairman of the board of trustees for more than 20 years. He also served for many years as chairman of the school board of Slater, Iowa, and during his travels as commander in chief through the West he was delighted to be visited by many men and women whose high-school and college diplomas had been signed by him. Oley Nelson had had a broad and varied experience in his life, which left its influence on many. The Grand Army of the Republic, both national encampment and department of Iowa, will miss his friendly greeting and smile and his wise counsel.

ARKANSAS

Comrade W. B. Brown, department commander since 1934, died in office October 18, 1937. He served as private in Company M, Second Missouri Light Artillery.

Comrade S. H. Blackmer, department commander, died in office February 26, 1938. He served as private in Company A, First Arkansas Infantry.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

Comrade Perrin O. Needham, elected junior vice department commander in 1930, died December 25, 1937; enlisted July 29, 1862, as private in Company E, Thirty-second Iowa Infantry, and discharged August 13, 1865.

Comrade E. G. Robinson, senior vice department commander, died in office January 16, 1938, aged 89 years; enlisted in 1863 as private in Company H, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Ohio Infantry, serving 100 days.

COLORADO AND WYOMING

Comrade Alba J. Rawson, elected department commander in 1932 and re-elected in 1933, died January 4, 1937. He served in Forty-seventh Iowa Infantry.

Comrade N. Burton Yackey, elected junior vice department commander in 1936, died February 5, 1938, aged 96 years; enlisted November 23, 1861, as private in Company A, Second Missouri Cavalry, and was discharged on account of wounds November 1, 1862.

CONNECTICUT

Comrade Henry J. Seeley, elected department commander in 1916, died November 16, 1937, aged 88 years; enlisted December 1, 1864, in Tenth Indiana Light Battery and was detailed as a sharpshooter on gunboats on the Mississippi River below Vicksburg. He joined Elias Howe Post in Bridgeport, Conn., in 1876 and was appointed adjutant general by Commander in Chief Beers in September 1912. He served for several terms as assistant adjutant general of Connecticut Department and was commandant of the State soldiers' home for many years.

Comrade Homer F. Northrop, department junior vice commander, died in office February 5, 1938; served in Troop C, Twenty-fourth New York Cavalry.

Comrade Casper D. Wallace, elected department commander in 1935, died April 30, 1938, aged 92 years; served in Company G, One Hundred and Eleventh New York Infantry.

DELAWARE

Comrade James T. Twigg, national council of administration, died in office February 17, 1938, aged 88 years; enlisted as private in Company C, First Maryland Infantry, January 5, 1865, and was discharged July 2, 1865. He was elected department commander in 1929 and again in 1932.

Comrade William H. Buckius, elected department commander in 1927, died October 31, 1937, aged 90 years; enlisted September 5, 1864, as private in Company K, Seventy-seventh Pennsylvania Infantry, and was discharged May 19, 1865. He served as assistant adjutant general from 1929 to 1932.

Comrade W. Harry Patterson, elected department commander in 1934, died March 6, 1938, aged 88 years; enlisted February 20, 1865, as private in Company D, Seventy-eighth Pennsylvania Infantry, and was discharged September 11, 1865.

FLORIDA

Comrade D. C. Hunter, elected department commander in 1928 and again elected in 1933, 1934, and 1935, died October 31, 1937, aged 92 years; enlisted February 3, 1863, as private in Company I, Second Minnesota Infantry.

Comrade Charles H. Parker, M. D., elected department commander in 1936, died January 8, 1938, aged 92 years; enlisted October 24, 1861, in New York Engineers, and was discharged November 28, 1864.

IDAHO

Comrade Judson Spofford, national council of administration, died in office September 10, 1937, aged 91 years; enlisted July 22, 1862, as private in Company K, Tenth Vermont Infantry, and was discharged June 10, 1865. He was elected department commander in 1891.

Comrade George H. Batchelder, elected junior vice department commander in 1935, died in December 1937; served in Company D, Fourth United States Cavalry.

ILLINOIS

Comrade James C. Thomas, assistant adjutant general for the past 10 years, died in office November 7, 1937, aged 94 years; enlisted in July 1862 as private in Company C, One Hundred and Eleventh Ohio Infantry, and was discharged as commissary sergeant in August 1865.

INDIANA

Comrade Richard F. Tyner, elected department commander in 1921, died December 31, 1937, aged 97 years.

IOWA

Comrade John P. Risley, department commander, died in office March 20, 1938, aged 91 years; enlisted in February 1863 as private in Twentieth Iowa Infantry and was discharged July 7, 1865. In 1922 he was appointed assistant adjutant general and served until June 1936, when he was elected department commander and he was reelected in June 1937. In September 1922 he was appointed adjutant general by Commander in Chief James W. Willett and was again honored in 1935 by appointment to the same office by Commander in Chief Oley Nelson.

Comrade Louis J. Leech, M. D., elected department commander in 1934, died September 23, 1937, aged 91 years; enlisted in Company B, Second Iowa Cavalry, serving until the close of the war.

MAINE

Comrade Charles E. Nason, national council of administration and for many years assistant adjutant general of Maine Department, died in office September 15, 1937, aged 90 years; served as standard bearer in Company F, Fourteenth Maine Infantry, was in 21 engagements, losing an eye in one engagement. He was elected department commander in 1924, senior vice commander in chief in 1929, was appointed national chief of staff in 1931, senior aide-de-camp in 1936. He was commissioned colonel of a Kentucky regiment during the Spanish War.

Comrade Charles F. Tibbetts, elected department commander in 1936, died September 27, 1937, aged 90 years; enlisted in 1862 in Company E, Twenty-first Maine Infantry and reenlisted in the Nineteenth Maine Infantry.

MASSACHUSETTS

Comrade Frederick H. Bishop, assistant adjutant general, died in office March 19, 1938; served as musician in Fourteenth Connecticut Infantry. He was elected department commander in 1933.

MINNESOTA

Comrade W. L. Hilliard, elected department commander in 1931, died September 7, 1937.

Comrade Charles H. Cotton, elected department commander in 1934, died September 15, 1937.

MISSOURI

Comrade Charles H. Mitchell, elected department commander in 1930, died December 2, 1937; served as corporal in Company C, One Hundred and Thirty-sixth Illinois Infantry.

MONTANA

Comrade J. E. Kanouse, elected department commander in 1935, and reelected in 1936 and again in 1937, died in office September 23, 1937, aged 93 years; enlisted in 1861 as sergeant in Company D, Eleventh Illinois Infantry.

NEBRASKA

Comrade Henry C. Kiester, elected junior vice department commander in 1929, died February 25, 1938; served in Company I, Eighty-eighth Pennsylvania Infantry.

Comrade Thomas E. Moore, elected senior vice department commander in 1925, died March 22, 1938, aged 97 years; enlisted in 1861 in Fourth Iowa Cavalry and was discharged August 8, 1865.

NEW JERSEY

Comrade John C. Allen, elected senior vice department commander in 1935, died November 17, 1937, aged 95 years.

NEW YORK

Comrade Calvin L. Vincent, national council of administration, died in office February 8, 1938, aged 91 years; enlisted July 17, 1863, as private in Company I, One Hundred and Ninth New York Infantry and was discharged as Corporal August 5, 1865. He was elected department commander in 1931.

OHIO

Comrade Emmett F. Taggart, elected department commander in 1901, and trustee of the permanent fund, died August 18, 1937, aged 90 years; enlisted as private in 1862 in Company C, One Hundred and Second Ohio Infantry, taken prisoner in September 1864, spent 7 months in Andersonville, and was discharged April 27, 1865.

Comrade George D. Neal, elected senior vice department commander in 1925, died September 6, 1937, aged 93 years; enlisted as private in Company C, One Hundred and Forty-second Ohio Infantry and was discharged September 2, 1864.

Comrade Henry F. Russell, elected senior vice commander in chief in 1936 and department commander in 1935, died December 3, 1937, aged 89 years; enlisted June 16, 1863, as private in Company G, Second Pennsylvania Battery and was discharged January 21, 1864; reenlisted March 3, 1864, as corporal in Company B, Fourteenth Pennsylvania Cavalry, transferred to Company K, same regiment, July 6, 1865, and was discharged August 24, 1865.

Comrade Marcellus C. Boice, elected junior vice department commander in 1932, died March 10, 1938, aged 91 years; enlisted August 12, 1862, as private in Company A, Ninety-first Ohio Infantry, and was discharged June 24, 1865.

OKLAHOMA

Comrade N. D. McGinley, elected department commander in 1935 and reelected in 1936 and 1937, died in office November 29, 1937; enlisted in Seventh Kansas Cavalry at age of 13 but was not mustered in because of age; later enlisted in

Company L, Fifteenth Kansas Cavalry, serving until close of the war; served as scout in the Indian wars, later enlisted in Eighteenth Kansas Cavalry and at close of enlistment again became a scout, leaving the service in 1869.

OREGON

Comrade P. H. Jeffers, senior vice department commander, died in office at Madison, Wis., September 8, 1937; served in Company A, One Hundred and Sixty-second Ohio Infantry.

Comrade J. C. Cooper, elected department commander in 1893, died December 4, 1937, aged 92 years; served in Company C, Fourteenth Missouri Infantry and Company G, Fourth Missouri Cavalry.

Comrade Gideon Stolz, elected department commander in 1929, died January 10, 1938, aged 93 years; served in Company B, One Hundred and Thirty-first Ohio Infantry.

PENNSYLVANIA

Comrade John W. Williams, elected senior vice department commander in 1933, died December 10, 1937, aged 92 years; enlisted April 20, 1861, in Company A, Fifth Pennsylvania Infantry.

RHODE ISLAND

Comrade Charles H. Leonard, M. D., assistant adjutant general, died in office March 19, 1937, aged 97 years; enlisted as private in Company A, Forty-fifth Massachusetts Infantry and after Battle of Goldsboro was discharged on a surgeon's certificate.

UTAH

Comrade John C. A. Warfield, elected department commander in 1918, died August 2, 1937; enlisted February 1, 1862, as private in Company A, Third Missouri Cavalry, and was discharged November 17, 1865, as first lieutenant, Company B, Fourteenth Missouri Cavalry.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA

Comrade L. D. Forbes, elected junior vice department commander in 1934, died August 1, 1937; served in Company K, First Wisconsin Cavalry.

Comrade T. F. Coley, elected department commander in 1932, died November 11, 1937; served in United States Navy on U. S. S. *Ozark*.

Comrade David L. Crossen, elected department commander in 1935, died March 13, 1938, aged 92 years; served 3 years in Eleventh Pennsylvania Cavalry.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 5 }
SERIES 1937-38 }

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
PATRIOTIC HALL,
Los Angeles, Calif., August 2, 1938.

I. As previously announced in general orders the Seventy-second National Encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Des Moines, Iowa, September 4-9, 1938.

II. Complete program of meetings and entertainment may be secured from the local committee on arrival in Des Moines.

III. The Des Moines committee are doing everything possible to make this an outstanding encampment. All requests for rooms and information should be addressed to Mrs. Ethel H. Early, secretary, Des Moines encampment committee, Hotel Savery, Des Moines, Iowa.

IV. We regret to have to announce that the situation regarding railroads is as published in General Orders No. 4. The railroad passenger associations have all refused to grant reduced rates to all conventions. Department officers are advised to contact railroad representatives as to the possibility of securing a reduced rate for parties traveling on a block ticket.

V. National headquarters will be temporarily established on the mezzanine floor, Fort Des Moines Hotel, Thursday September 1, 1938.

VI. Special patriotic services will be held in all churches in Des Moines, Sunday morning, September 4, to which all comrades and members of the auxiliary and allied orders are cordially invited.

VII. Sunday evening, September 4, the annual memorial service of the Grand Army of the Republic will be held in Shrine Temple Auditorium.

VIII. The following comrades are appointed committee on credentials:

Russell C. Martin, adjutant general, chairman.

Joseph B. Henninger, assistant adjutant general.

Frank E. Cooley, assistant adjutant general, Department of New York.

M. H. Davidson, assistant adjutant general, Department of Kentucky.

Sol Zarbaugh, assistant adjutant general, Department of Ohio.

This committee will meet in national headquarters, Fort Des Moines Hotel, Monday, September 5, at 10 a. m.

IX. Assistant adjutants general are requested to procure at national headquarters, a copy of the encampment roll, for comparison with credentials, prior to the meeting of the committee.

X. The executive committee of the national council of administration will meet in national headquarters, Fort Des Moines Hotel, Monday, September 5 at 1:30 p. m.

XI. The national council of administration will meet in national headquarters, Monday, September 5 at 2 p. m.

XII. Comrades A. C. Estabrook, Michigan, W. W. Nixon, Kansas, and William F. Dorsey, Potomac, members of the national council of administration, will audit the books of the quartermaster general and report to the national council of administration at its meeting Monday.

XIII. Aides de camp on the staff of the commander in chief will report to the chief of staff at national headquarters Monday, September 5, at 4:30 p. m.

XIV. Department commanders, or a detailed representative of each, will report to the chief of staff at national headquarters, Monday, September 5, at 5 p. m., for instructions regarding the parade.

XV. The semiofficial meeting of the national encampment will be held Monday evening, September 5, at 8 p. m., in Shrine Temple Auditorium.

XVI. Tuesday evening, September 6, at 8:30 o'clock, a reception will be tendered the commander in chief and staff in the Governor's parlors, Iowa State Capitol.

XVII. Wednesday, September 7, the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place at 10 a. m. under the direction of Chief of Staff George N. Lockwood. The route, which will be less than a mile, and the formation of the parade will be announced in General Orders No. 6.

XVIII. Department commanders are advised that women, children, and civilians (except bands and drum corps) are prohibited from participating in the parade, and should any disobey these orders and enter the parade along the line of march, officers will be instructed to take them out of line.

XIX. All caricatures, impersonations of Lincoln, of Uncle Sam, or other characters, and floats of any sort will be excluded from the parade.

XX. No flags or standards except the National, State, and post flags will be allowed in the parade, and all flags must fly from the staff. Regimental flags and banners will not be allowed.

XXI. The following appointments for the parade are announced:

National color bearer: William F. Hoch, California and Nevada.

Naval color bearer: Lewis L. Baker, Connecticut.

Headquarters color bearer: Jerry Wilhelm, Nebraska.

XXII. The first business session of the national encampment will convene in the ballroom, Fort Des Moines Hotel, Wednesday, September 7, at 2 p. m. The second session will convene in the ballroom Thursday, September 8, at 9 a. m.

XXIII. Comrade Joseph Bauer, Department of New York, is appointed officer of the day for the national encampment.

XXIV. Wednesday, September 7, at 8 p. m., a camp fire will be held in Shrine Temple Auditorium.

XXV. Department commanders will report to the adjutant general not later than 10 p. m., Tuesday, September 7, the department nominations for national council of administration and committee on resolutions.

XXVI. The national headquarters of the Grand Army of the Republic and its auxiliary and allied orders will be located in Des Moines, Iowa, as follows:

Fort Des Moines Hotel: Grand Army of the Republic, and Woman's Relief Corps.

Savery Hotel: Ladies of the Grand Army of the Republic.

Kirkwood Hotel: Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Chamberlain Hotel: Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War and Auxiliary to Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

XXVII. Comrade A. C. Estabrook, member of the council of administration from the Department of Michigan, has been appointed a member of the executive committee of the national council of administration, vice Oley Nelson, deceased.

XXVIII. The department commander of Indiana, having appointed Comrade Edward McClelland, Muncie, Ind., a member of the national council of administration, vice John H. Hoffman, deceased, the appointment is confirmed.

XXIX. The department commander of Maine, having appointed Comrade John W. Fogler, Skowhegan, Maine, a member of the national council of administration, vice Charles E. Nason, deceased, the appointment is confirmed.

XXX. The department commander of New York, having appointed Comrade Frank E. Cooley, Rensselaer, N. Y., a member of the national council of administration, vice Calvin L. Vincent, deceased, the appointment is confirmed.

XXXI. The department commander of North Dakota, having appointed Comrade D. G. Duell, Devils Lake, N. Dak., a member of the national council of administration, vice J. H. Seright, deceased, the appointment is confirmed.

XXXII. The department commander of Vermont, having appointed Comrade Charles Heyer, St. Johnsbury, Vt., a member of the national council of administration, vice John H. Amadon, deceased; the appointment is confirmed.

XXXIII. Past Commander in Chief James W. Willett is appointed chairman of the committee on resolutions.

XXXIV. The following committee is appointed to prepare resolutions on the death of Oley Nelson, past commander in chief; James W. Willett, Iowa; James E. Jewel, Colorado and Wyoming; C. F. Moulton, Wisconsin.

XXXV. The following committee on greetings are appointed:

WOMAN'S RELIEF CORPS

James E. Jewel, Colorado and Wyoming, chairman.

James W. Willett, Iowa.

Edwin J. Foster, Massachusetts.

Russell C. Martin, California and Nevada.

Alfred E. Stacey, New York.

C. H. William Ruhe, Pennsylvania.

Thomas J. Noll, Iowa.

LADIES OF THE GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

C. H. William Ruhe, Pennsylvania, chairman.

William H. McCoy, New Jersey.

S. R. Yoho, California and Nevada.

DAUGHTERS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Russell C. Martin, California and Nevada.

Rustan O. Reed, Washington and Alaska.

Edwin H. Lincoln, Massachusetts.

SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Edwin J. Foster, Massachusetts.

George N. Lockwood, California and Nevada.

Josiah C. Read, New York.

AUXILIARY TO SONS OF UNION VETERANS OF THE CIVIL WAR

Alfred E. Stacey, New York.

Frederick Pfister, Ohio.

John Stone, Indiana.

XXXVI. The following comrades, having complied with the necessary requirements, are appointed aides de camp on the staff of the commander in chief.

CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

Shelly, Thomas C., Post 172, San Diego.

WASHINGTON AND ALASKA

Minor, J. H., Post 89, Marysville, Wash.
 Ream, Daniel, Post 1, Seattle, Wash.

By command of—

OVERTON H. MENNET,
Commander in Chief.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,
Adjutant General.

IN MEMORIAM

ILLINOIS

Comrade Alfred E. Lewis, elected senior vice department commander in 1934, died June 2, 1938. He enlisted June 17, 1862, as private and was discharged as corporal, June 12, 1865.

Comrade Samuel A. Campbell, elected senior vice department commander in 1914, died June 11, 1938. He was elected surgeon general in 1931. Dr. Campbell enlisted in the Seventy-sixth Pennsylvania Infantry early in the war; later moved to Illinois and enlisted February 15, 1865, in Company H, One Hundred and Fifty-first Illinois Infantry, and was discharged February 15, 1866.

Comrade Frederick Buy junior vice department commander, died in office July 17, 1938, aged 95 years. He enlisted April 26, 1864, in Company K, One Hundred and Thirty-fifth Illinois Infantry, and was discharged September 28, 1864; reenlisted February 9, 1865, in Company E, One Hundred and Forty-ninth Illinois Infantry, and was discharged January 27, 1866.

INDIANA

Comrade Quincey A. Hunt, elected department commander in 1936, died May 6, 1938. He served in Company A, Fifty-seventh Indiana Infantry.

Comrade John H. Hoffman, a member of the National Council of Administration, and elected department commander in 1927, died May 15, 1938. He served in Company K, Forty-fourth Indiana Infantry.

MAINE

Comrade Cyrus T. Wardwell, elected senior vice department commander in 1926, died May 30, 1938, aged 98 years. He served in Company K, Seventeenth Maine Infantry, and also in a Massachusetts Regiment.

Comrade Simon C. Hastings, assistant adjutant general, died in office July 15, 1938, aged 95 years. He was elected department commander in 1931. Comrade Hastings enlisted early in the war in the Twenty-first Maine Infantry; reenlisted in Company H, First Maine Cavalry, and was discharged as sergeant June 22, 1865.

MONTANA

Comrade James E. Kanouse, department commander since 1935, died in office, September 22, 1937, aged 92 years. He enlisted in 1861 and served as sergeant in Troop D, Eleventh Illinois Cavalry, for 3 years.

PENNSYLVANIA

Comrade H. E. Paine, elected senior vice department commander in 1913, died June 4, 1938, aged 93 years. He served in Company D, One Hundred and Fifth Ohio Infantry, and in Company E, One Hundred and Seventy-first Ohio Infantry.

RHODE ISLAND

Comrade Charles H. Lewis, department commander, died in office May 23, 1938, aged 90 years. He was elected department commander in 1930 and in November 1936, following the deaths of the senior and junior vice department commanders, and the department commander, he was again elected department

commander and was reelected in 1937 and 1938. Comrade Lewis was elected junior vice commander in chief in 1930. He enlisted in February 1864 in Sixth New Hampshire Infantry and was discharged in July 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS }
No. 6 }
SERIES 1937-38 }

TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
HOTEL FORT DES MOINES,
Des Moines, Iowa, September 1, 1938.

I. As previously announced in General Orders No. 5, the parade of the Grand Army of the Republic will take place in Des Moines, Iowa, Wednesday, September 7, at 10 a. m.

II. The parade will be organized by departments, each department under the command of the senior officer of the department present at the encampment. Departments will be assigned to a position in line in order of seniority of date of charter and will form in column of four files front. Each department will promptly take up the line of march as uncovered. Distance between departments will be 60 feet, between posts 20 feet, and between files 6 feet.

III. The departments will assemble in the Coliseum, First and Locust Streets, promptly at 9 a. m. and will move at 10 a. m. sharp.

IV. The formation of the parade will be reported to the commander in chief at 9:45 a. m. by the chief of staff, Comrade George N. Lockwood.

V. A preparatory signal will be given at 9:30 a. m. The signal to start will be given at 10 a. m.

VI. Department commanders will carefully oversee the formation of their respective departments and on the march will maintain a distance of 60 feet between the departments. Markers will be placed in the Coliseum, designating the place of formation of each department.

VII. Department commanders must not leave the column after passing the reviewing stand, but will continue with their respective departments to the point of dismissal of the column.

VIII. In passing the reviewing stand colors will not be dipped. Officers with side arms will give the officer salute with sword. Officers without side arms will salute by touching the right hand to the brim of the hat and looking toward the reviewing officer. Comrades in ranks will not salute, but will look toward the reviewing officer.

IX. Bands and drum corps will take the time of the preceding musical organization, so that the marching column may maintain the same step. All bands will play the entire length of the grandstands.

X. The march will be in common time, the cadence 90 steps to the minute. Bands marching in close proximity will alternate in playing.

XI. The commander in chief will review the column at the reviewing stand on the north side of the United States Post Office at First and Walnut Streets.

XII. It is desired that every member of the Grand Army of the Republic present in Des Moines will make an effort to participate in the parade, whether he is in uniform or not, but it is hoped that all will try to appear in the regulation uniform of the order.

XIII. Women, children, and civilians (except bands and drum corps) will be prohibited from participating in the parade, and department commanders are directed to enforce this order in their respective departments. Should any disobey these instructions and enter the parade along the line of march, officers are directed to take them out of line.

XIV. No flags or standards except the National, State, and post flags and standards will be allowed in the parade. Regimental flags and banners will not be allowed. No flags will be allowed in the parade except those flying from the staff.

XV. All caricatures, impersonations of Lincoln or Uncle Sam or other characters, and undignified exhibitions of any kind will be excluded from the parade. Floats of any sort are prohibited.

XVI. National officers and past commanders in chief will ride in automobiles at the head of the column. Automobiles and wheel chairs will not be allowed in the parade in or between departments.

XVII. Automobiles will be furnished for comrades who are unable to march and will be found in front of the various department headquarters' hotels. Comrades unable to march will be assigned to automobiles regardless of the

departments to which they belong. THESE AUTOMOBILES WILL FOLLOW THE MARCHING COLUMN.

XVIII. When the head of the column reaches Fourth and Walnut Streets, it will halt and the commander in chief, national officers, and past commanders in chief will proceed to the reviewing stand. The main column will then march past in review.

XIX. National officers, members of the executive committee, and past commanders in chief will report to the chief of staff, Comrade George N. Lockwood, at the national headquarters, Fort Des Moines Hotel, at 9 a. m. for assignment to automobiles.

XX. Department commanders will report to the chief of staff, Comrade George N. Lockwood, at national headquarters, Fort Des Moines Hotel, Monday, September 5, at 5 p. m. for instructions regarding the parade.

XXI. The column will form on Locust Street, with head of column at west end of Locust Street bridge, and will move promptly at 10 a. m. over the following route:

West on Locust Street to Eighth Street, south on Eighth Street to Walnut Street, east on Walnut Street, passing the reviewing stand, to point of disbandment.

XXII. The line of march will form as follows:

Police escort.

United States Marine Band, Capt. Taylor Branson. leader.

Col. H. H. Polk, marshal, and staff.

Official escort to the Grand Army of the Republic: Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, William Allan Dyer, commander in chief.

Civil War musicians.

Commander in chief, national officers, members of the executive committee, and past commanders in chief in automobiles.

Departments will form in the Coliseum as indicated by department standards and will march in order of seniority of date of charter (with the exception of the Department of Iowa which, as entertaining department, will march last) as follows:

1. Department of Illinois, John E. Andrew, commander.
2. Department of Wisconsin, John Hart, commander.
3. Department of Pennsylvania, C. H. William Ruhe, commander.
4. Department of Ohio, Frederick Pfister, commander.
5. Department of New York, Thomas H. Stritch, commander.
6. Department of Connecticut, Truman N. Parsons, commander.
7. Department of Massachusetts, Joseph F. Stoddard, commander.
8. Department of New Jersey, William H. McCoy, commander.
9. Department of Maine, John W. Palmer, commander.
10. Department of California and Nevada, F. R. Young, commander.
11. Department of Rhode Island, Charles H. Bullock, commander.
12. Department of New Hampshire, Lyman E. Butterfield, commander.
13. Department of Vermont, Harvey S. Powers, commander.
14. Department of Potomac, John M. Kline, commander.
15. Department of Virginia and North Carolina, Cornelius Garner, commander.
16. Department of Maryland, John Liddell, commander.
17. Department of Nebraska, R. E. Coleman, commander.
18. Department of Michigan, A. C. Estabrook, commander.
20. Department of Indiana, Dr. John H. Stone, commander.
21. Department of Colorado and Wyoming, Lewis H. Easterly, commander.
22. Department of Kansas, Phillip Weinrich, commander.
23. Department of Delaware, Jacob C. Steele, commander.
24. Department of Minnesota, L. E. Carpenter, commander.
25. Department of Missouri, A. J. P. Barnes, commander.
26. Department of Oregon, T. A. Penland, commander.
27. Department of Kentucky, R. R. Graham, commander.
28. Department of West Virginia, A. T. McMurray, commander.
29. Department of South Dakota, Levi Van Voorhis, commander.
30. Department of Washington and Alaska, Rustan O. Reed, commander.
31. Department of Arkansas, J. M. Bryant, commander.
33. Department of Utah, Ira Stormes, commander.
35. Department of Louisiana and Mississippi, William Rochester, commander.
36. Department of Florida, C. J. Rose, commander.

- 37. Department of Montana, J. N. Chestnut, commander.
- 38. Department of Texas, John Shearer, commander.
- 39. Department of Idaho, Elisha White, commander.
- 42. Department of Alabama, Alfred N. Oliver, commander.
- 43. Department of North Dakota, J. W. Carroll, commander.
- 44. Department of Oklahoma, S. Patterson, commander.
- 19. Department of Iowa, Michael Hawk, commander.
- Disabled Civil War Veterans in automobiles.

Headquarters Troop, Medical Detachment, and Troop B, One Hundred and Thirteenth Cavalry, Iowa National Guard, Maj. Frank E. Bigelow, commanding.

Headquarters Company, Sixty-seventh Infantry Brigade, State Detachment, Medical Detachment, and First Battalion, One Hundred and Sixty-eighth Infantry, Iowa National Guard, Maj. Harold K. Holden, commanding.

By command of

OVERTON H. MENNET,
Commander in Chief.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,
Adjutant General.

Circular Letter }
No. 1 }

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS,
GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC,
PATRIOTIC HALL,
Los Angeles, Calif., May 16, 1938.

After due consideration of the many issues involved, your commander in chief has decided to accept for the Grand Army of the Republic the invitation extended to the organization to participate in the reunion of the Blue and the Gray at Gettysburg, June 29 to July 6, 1938.

Believing that some explanation is due the members for the delay in reaching this conclusion, he offers the following statement, with copies of correspondence:

At the national encampment held in Madison, Wis., last September, the committee on resolutions presented a resolution covering the invitation to attend the Gettysburg Reunion, as follows:

"Resolved, That the commander in chief appoint a committee to notify Paul L. Roy, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Gettysburg Commission that we are willing to attend a reunion of citizens of the United States who at one time were opposed to one another in a Civil War, and who now wish to join in a reunion at Gettysburg in 1938 for the purpose of showing to the citizens of the United States our reconciliation to the results of that Civil War, and at such reunion to have in view only the flag of the United States of America."

This resolution was adopted and then the committee recommended that Commander in Chief Ruhe appoint the committee and that he should appoint himself one of the committee. He then appointed as the committee Comrades Thomas Ambrose, James W. Willett, and C. H. William Ruhe. By this action the national encampment took from the incoming commander in chief, not then elected, the customary prerogative of handling a matter occurring in his administration.

On his return to California from the national convention of the American Legion in New York City, where he had been an honored guest, your commander in chief found a letter from Mr. Paul Roy, secretary of the Gettysburg Commission, enclosing copy of letter sent to Chairman Ambrose, acknowledging receipt of letter sent him September 20, setting forth the action of the national encampment and suggesting that a meeting of the commission and the Grand Army committee be held in Chicago some time during the week of October 18, the Gettysburg Commission paying the expense of the Grand Army committee. After receiving Secretary Roy's letter, we awaited an announcement from the chairman of the Grand Army committee, but none was received nor was any report of the meeting received at headquarters. Meanwhile letters were being received at headquarters asking about the reunion and what the Grand Army intended to do, so on November 8, 1937, your commander in chief wrote to Chairman Ambrose asking for a report of the meeting that some information might be given in general orders, and also reminding him that the commander in chief was a member, ex-officio, of all committees and the only one with authority to announce the action taken at the meeting. He replied on November 10:

"I should have notified the ex officio member of all G. A. R. committees of the informal and preliminary meeting of the Gettysburg reunion committee at Chicago, October 22 * * *. The three members of the G. A. R. committee stood firmly for the resolution adopted at Madison; 'at such reunion to have only in view the flag of the United States of America.' The discussion at times was heated and no conclusion was arrived at. Our recommendation was that the commission call a conference with three prominent Confederate veterans and submit our determination. Following this we would have a joint conference."

It is our understanding that no conference was called by the commission and Chairman Ambrose reported that he had been unable to receive any reply to letters written the secretary of the commission. When the commander in chief and adjutant general were in Washington the latter part of January an attempt was made to have an interview with Secretary Roy and his secretary telegraphed us she would have him wire us, but we never heard from him.

After our return from the East we were constantly receiving letters from comrades asking what the Grand Army of the Republic intended to do, so a paragraph was prepared for general orders explaining the situation and on March 21 I sent a copy of this to Hon. John S. Rice, chairman of the Gettysburg commission, with a letter stating:

"General orders of the Grand Army of the Republic will be issued about April 1 and I think it only courteous that I should send you a copy of what will appear therein concerning the Gettysburg reunion. I dislike very much to publish such information, but I must explain our lack of information at national headquarters to our members, in our own defense. If you can offer an excuse for the apparent lack of courtesy shown the Grand Army of the Republic, I will be glad to receive it, or at least receive an explanation for such treatment."

Chairman Rice replied March 28, expressing regret that there was some misunderstanding and assuring me that there never was any disposition on the part of the State and Federal commissions to withhold information from the Grand Army of the Republic; that the program had not been decided on until recently and that final arrangements could not be made until certain things had been decided on by the War Department and the President, and he outlined a tentative program, and for your information we quote the following from his letter:

"The veterans of the North will be housed and fed in one camp and the veterans of the South will be housed and fed in another adjacent camp. There will also be a headquarters camp for distinguished guests.

"You have made reference to the flags that will be displayed. As far as the commissions are concerned the present United States flag will fly on the flagpole over headquarters. Before the camp of the northern veterans a replica of the Union flag of 1861-65 will be displayed on a regimental staff. Before the Confederate camp a replica of the Confederate flag of 1861-65 will also be displayed on a regimental staff. This is the only display of flags that is contemplated by the commission."

On April 5 we wrote Chairman Rice that we were still without assurance that the Confederate flags would not be shown throughout the camps and that without such assurance members of our organization could only attend as veterans of the Civil War and could not wear the uniform and badge of the Grand Army of the Republic. We also called his attention to the promises made in the national encampment by Secretary Roy, namely, that the comrade could choose his own escort, male or female; that his railroad and Pullman fare would be paid and also all expenses from the time of leaving home, until returning home, and reminded him that the questionnaire issued in March did not agree with the promises made by Secretary Roy or by the commission at the meeting in Chicago.

April 19 Chairman Rice replied that the commission was endeavoring to make arrangements so that transportation may be advanced to the veteran and his attendant, that they may receive a per-diem travel allowance and that accommodations can be arranged for a female attendant, if desired.

April 20 Chairman Rice wrote as follows:

"I am in receipt of your letter of April 21 and regret that there is still some misapprehension on your part relative to the display of flags at Gettysburg during the seventy-fifth anniversary observance. The only display of flags planned by the commissions is that outlined in my letter to you of March 28.

"I was recently in St. Louis on a business trip, and while there called on Rev. J. M. Claypoole, commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans. I explained to him the plans of the commissions relative to the display of flags, exactly as outlined in my letter to you. This seemed perfectly agreeable to him and no further discussion was had on that point.

"Inasmuch as no provisions are being made for any other display of flags, it would certainly follow that if any individual veterans of either the North or South should bring any flags or banners, the display of them would necessarily be confined to their respective camps.

"I can assure you that neither the Pennsylvania State commission nor the Federal commission will permit any action by anyone that will be offensive to any of our guests, whether they be from the North or South. This is a gathering to promote patriotism, peace, and harmony and the entire program and arrangements are being made with that in view. We feel sure that none of our guests would attempt to do anything that would in any way embarrass any other guest. The State and Federal commissions will see that everything possible is done to assure the same courteous treatment for all guests that guests would receive in a private home.

"We hope that you will be able to come to Gettysburg and actively participate in the program. Your presence here and your address to the Nation, would do much to instill patriotism in the hearts of the younger generation and would show to the world that this great country of ours is a united Nation."

We had sent Chairman Ambrose and Comrades Willett and Ruhe copies of all correspondence had with Chairman Rice and when we asked Chairman Ambrose for a decision by the committee as to our action, much to our surprise he replied as follows:

"Speaking for myself, I am of the opinion that the duties of the committee have been specifically defined, in the resolution appointing them; 'to notify Paul L. Roy, executive secretary of the Pennsylvania State commission that we are willing to attend'—under certain reservations specified in the resolution. This duty was duly performed September 20, 1937."

And yet he called a meeting of his committee to meet with the Gettysburg commission on October 22, 1937, and had continued writing to the secretary of the Gettysburg commission. This statement on the part of Chairman Ambrose seemed to leave the final decision with the commander in chief, a privilege which should have been his during his entire term. He, therefore, wrote Chairman Rice on April 28:

"As I wrote you before, there is nothing but a feeling of good will and comradeship on the part of the members of the Grand Army of the Republic toward those who once opposed them in battle. The sons and grandsons of the Confederate veterans have demonstrated their loyalty to the United States Government and to its flag, the Stars and Stripes, by their service in the Spanish-American War and the World War.

"In behalf of the Union veterans who are members of the Grand Army of the Republic, I accept your assurance of the position and intent of the Pennsylvania State commission and the Federal Commission, that the Confederate flags, if any, are brought, shall be confined to the Confederate camp and that neither Commission will permit any action by anyone that will be offensive to any of the guests, whether they be from the North or from the South."

"In behalf of my comrades, I personally, and as commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, accept your invitation to be present at the Gettysburg reunion, June 29 to July 4, 1938, and I will notify the members of the Grand Army of the Republic of this acceptance in a circular letter to be sent out immediately.

I am pleased to note that the Rev. J. M. Claypoole, commander in chief of the United Confederate Veterans, has accepted the plans of the commission relative to the display of the Confederate flag."

We have just received word from the Quartermaster General of the United States Army, acting for the Federal Commission, that a bill has just been approved by Congress providing for transportation of each veteran and his attendant, male or female. The veteran will have railroad tickets delivered to him in his home, with ticket for a lower berth for the veteran and an upper berth for the attendant, where it is necessary to travel overnight. If the trip does not involve overnight travel, tickets will be furnished for seats in sleeping car or parlor car. He will also receive funds to cover the cost of meals and other traveling expenses for himself and attendant. Return-trip arrangements

will be made in Gettysburg and stop-overs may be made on the return trip, but the comrade must pay for the extra expense, if any. The Federal Commission will issue a general letter of instructions within a short time.

The program is tentatively outlined as follows:

- July 1. 2 p. m. Reunion Day program.
- July 2. Parade in honor of veterans of the North and South (Civil War veterans will not parade).
Evening—Veterans' and Governors' program.
- July 3. Morning—Church service.
Afternoon—Dedication of Eternal Light Peace Memorial.
- July 4. Program by Regular Army.

The detailed program planned for July 1 at 2 p. m. is as follows:

- 1. Music by Marine Band.
- 2. Opening prayer by chaplain in chief of G. A. R.
- 3. Remarks by chairman.
- 4. Address of welcome by Secretary of War.
- 5. Address of welcome by Governor of Pennsylvania.
- 6. Music.
- 7. Address by Dr. Overton H. Mennet, commander in chief, G. A. R.
- 8. Address by J. M. Claypoole, commander in chief, U. C. V.
- 9. Closing prayer by national chaplain, U. C. V.
- 10. Music.

This program will be broadcast over a Nation-wide hook-up.

By command of—

OVERTON H. MENNET,
Commander in Chief.

RUSSELL C. MARTIN,
Adjutant General.

In Memoriam





OLEY NELSON
PAST COMMANDER IN CHIEF

In Memoriam

OLEY NELSON

PAST COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

Oley Nelson was born in a log cabin in Rock County, Wisconsin, August 10, 1844 and died at his home in Slater, Story County, Iowa, April 15, 1938. His education was secured in the rural school of the district and from his mother who had been a school teacher in Norway. His father after becoming an American citizen served as roadmaster and election officer and as a small boy Oley accompanied his father on Saturdays and holidays when roads were being surveyed and went with him to the schoolhouse on election day to watch him count the ballots, all of which served to stimulate the boy's interest in government.

Oley's father enlisted in June, 1861 in the 8th Wisconsin Infantry and died in July 1862, while returning from the South on sick leave. June 17, 1864, while a student in business college in Madison, Oley enlisted in Company D, 40th Wisconsin Infantry and was discharged September 17, 1864, because of illness. While in the service he was attached to General Sturgis' Brigade, 15th Army Corps with headquarters in Memphis, Tenn. He had been a member of the Post in Ames, Iowa, for more than 40 years. He was elected Department Commander in 1927, served as National Chief of Staff under Commander-in-Chief James E. Jewel, was elected Senior Vice Commander-in-Chief in 1931 and Commander-in-Chief in 1935.

Comrade Nelson moved to Iowa in 1867 and settled in Story County where he became a merchant and banker. He was a member of the 21st and 22nd General Assembly and during those years was active in the establishment of the Soldiers Home in Marshalltown. He was an active and prominent member of the Lutheran Church, was President of St. Olaf's College, Northfield, Minn., and then for 20 years was Chairman of the College Trustees. He was also chairman of the Slater School Committee for many years. He had had a broad and varied experience in his life which left its influence on many.

JAMES WILLETT,
JAMES E. JEWEL,
C. F. MOULTON,
Committee.

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF ARKANSAS

COMRADE W. B. BROWN

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1934–1937

MUSTERED OUT OCTOBER 18, 1937

COMRADE S. H. BLACKMER

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 26, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA

COMRADE PERRIN O. NEEDHAM

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1930

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 25, 1937

COMRADE E. G. ROBINSON

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 16, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF COLORADO AND WYOMING

COMRADE ALBA J. RAWSON

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1932 ; 1933

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 4, 1938

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF WYOMING AND COLORADO—Continued

COMRADE N. BURTON YACKEY

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1936

MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 5, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

COMRADE HENRY J. SEELEY

ADJUTANT GENERAL, 1912

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1916

MUSTERED OUT NOVEMBER 16, 1937

COMRADE HOMER F. NORTHROP

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 5, 1938

COMRADE CASPAR D. WALLACE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1935

MUSTERED OUT APRIL 30, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF DELAWARE

COMRADE WILLIAM H. BUCKIUS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1927

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL, 1929–32

MUSTERED OUT OCTOBER 31, 1937

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF DELAWARE—Continued

COMRADE JAMES T. TWIGG

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1929; 1932

MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 17, 1938

COMRADE W. HARRY PATTERSON

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1934

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 6, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF FLORIDA

COMRADE D. C. HUNTER

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1928; 1933-35

MUSTERED OUT OCTOBER 31, 1937

COMRADE CHARLES H. PARKER

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1936

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 8, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO

COMRADE JUDSON SPOFFORD

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1891

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 8, 1938

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF IDAHO—Continued

COMRADE GEORGE H. BATCHELDER

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1935

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER —, 1937

DEPARTMENT OF ILLINOIS

COMRADE JAMES C. THOMAS

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL, 1927–37

MUSTERED OUT NOVEMBER 7, 1937

COMRADE ALFRED E. LEWIS

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1934

MUSTERED OUT JUNE 2, 1938

COMRADE SAMUEL A. CAMPBELL

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1914

SURGEON GENERAL, 1931

MUSTERED OUT JUNE 11, 1938

COMRADE FREDERICK BUY

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT JULY 17, 1938

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF INDIANA

COMRADE RICHARD F. TYNER

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1921

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 31, 1937

COMRADE QUINCEY A. HUNT

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1936

MUSTERED OUT MAY 6, 1938

COMRADE JOHN H. HOFFMAN

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1927

MUSTERED OUT MAY 15, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF IOWA

COMRADE JOHN P. RISLEY

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL, 1922-35

ADJUTANT GENERAL, 1922 ; 1935

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 20, 1938

COMRADE LOUIS J. LEECH

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1934

MUSTERED OUT SEPTEMBER 23, 1937

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

COMRADE CHARLES E. NASON

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION—DIED IN OFFICE

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1924

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1929

MUSTERED OUT SEPTEMBER 15, 1937

COMRADE CHARLES F. TIBBETTS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1936

MUSTERED OUT SEPTEMBER 27, 1937

COMRADE CYRUS T. WARDWELL

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1926

MUSTERED OUT MAY 30, 1938

COMRADE SIMON C. HASTINGS

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1931

MUSTERED OUT JULY 15, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF MASSACHUSETTS

COMRADE FREDERICK H. BISHOP

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1933

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 19, 1933

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF MINNESOTA

COMRADE W. L. HILLIARD

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1931

MUSTERED OUT SEPTEMBER 7, 1937

COMRADE CHARLES L. COTTON

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1934

MUSTERED OUT SEPTEMBER 15, 1937

DEPARTMENT OF MISSOURI

COMRADE CHARLES H. MITCHELL

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1930

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 2, 1937

DEPARTMENT OF MONTANA

COMRADE J. E. KANOUSE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT SEPTEMBER 22, 1937

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA

COMRADE HENRY C. KESTER

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1929

MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 25, 1938

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF NEBRASKA—Continued

COMRADE THOMAS E. MOORE

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1925

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 22, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF NEW JERSEY

COMRADE JOHN C. ALLEN

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1935

MUSTERED OUT NOVEMBER 29, 1937

DEPARTMENT OF NEW YORK

COMRADE CALVIN L. VINCENT

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF ADMINISTRATION—DIED IN OFFICE

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1931

MUSTERED OUT FEBRUARY 8, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO

COMRADE EMMETT F. TAGGART

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1901

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 18, 1937

COMRADE GEORGE D. NEAL

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1925

MUSTERED OUT SEPTEMBER 6, 1937

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF OHIO—Continued

COMRADE HENRY F. RUSSELL

SENIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1936

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1935

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 3, 1937

COMRADE MARCELLUS C. BOICE

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1932

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 10, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF OKLAHOMA

COMRADE N. D. MCGINLEY

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT NOVEMBER 29, 1937

DEPARTMENT OF OREGON

COMRADE P. H. JEFFERS

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT SEPTEMBER 8, 1937

COMRADE J. C. COOPER

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1893

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 4, 1937

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF OREGON—Continued

COMRADE GIDEON STOLZ

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1929

MUSTERED OUT JANUARY 10, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF PENNSYLVANIA

COMRADE JOHN WILLIAMS

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1933

MUSTERED OUT DECEMBER 10, 1937

COMRADE H. E. PAINE

SENIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1913

MUSTERED OUT JUNE 4, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

COMRADE CHARLES H. LEONARD

ASSISTANT ADJUTANT GENERAL—DIED IN OFFICE

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 19, 1938

COMRADE CHARLES H. LEWIS

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER—DIED IN OFFICE

JUNIOR VICE COMMANDER IN CHIEF, 1930

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1930 ; 1936–38

MUSTERED OUT MAY 23, 1938

In Memoriam

DEPARTMENT OF UTAH

COMRADE JOHN C. A. WARFIELD

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1918

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 2, 1938

DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON AND ALASKA

COMRADE L. D. FORBES

JUNIOR VICE DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1934

MUSTERED OUT AUGUST 1, 1937

COMRADE T. F. COLEY

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1932
MUSTERED OUT NOVEMBER 11, 1937

COMRADE DAVID L. CROSSEN

DEPARTMENT COMMANDER, 1935

MUSTERED OUT MARCH 13, 1938

COMPLETE ROSTER OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS GRAND ARMY OF THE REPUBLIC

FOUNDED BY DR. BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, AT DECATUR, ILL.,
APRIL 6, 1866

BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois
First commander in chief

ROBERT MANN WOOD, Illinois
First adjutant general

JOHN M. SNYDER, Illinois
First quartermaster general

No official records of membership prior to 1878.

FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND., NOVEMBER 20, 1866

Headquarters established Springfield, Ill.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	STEPHEN A. HURLBURT, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES B. MCKEAN, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT S. FOSTER, Indiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	D. C. MCNEIL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. WILLIAM A. PILE, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ -----	BENJAMIN F. STEPHENSON, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	AUGUST WILlich, Ohio.

SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA., JANUARY 15, 1868

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSHUA T. OWEN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN BELL, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	T. C. CAMPBELL, Ohio.
<i>Inspector general</i> ¹ -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New Jersey.

THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO, MAY 12, 13, 1869

Headquarters established Washington, D. C.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH R. HAWLEY, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	S. B. WYLIE MITCHELL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. ALONZO H. QUINT, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> ¹ -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> ¹ -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> ¹ -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

¹ By amendment to rules and regulations staff officers now appointed.

FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,

MAY 11, 12, 1870

Headquarters established in Washington, D. C.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN A. LOGAN, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE W. COLLIER, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM T. COLLINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	TIMOTHY LUBEY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRED A. STARRING, Washington, D. C.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	NORTON P. CHIPMAN, Washington, D. C.

FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,

MAY 10, 11, 1871

Headquarters established New York City.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES COEY, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM CUTTING, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO,

MAY 8, 9, 1872

Headquarters established New York City.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	AMBROSE E. BURNSIDE, Rhode Island.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. WARREN KEIFER, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. GREEN, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROSWELL MILLER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MILAN B. GOODRICH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, NEW HAVEN, CONN.,

MAY 14, 15, 1873

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. GOEBLE, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD FERGUSON, Wisconsin.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CORNELIUS G. ATTWOOD, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	A. WILSON NORRIS, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

**EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, HARRISBURG, PA.,
MAY 13, 1874**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES DEVENS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDWARD JARDINE, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GUY T. GOULD, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HANS POWELL, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. AUG. WOODBURY, Rhode Island.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY R. SIBLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. B. R. SPRAGUE, Massachusetts.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. W. BROWN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

**NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL.,
MAY 12, 13, 1875**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN W. FOYE, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MYRON W. REED, Wisconsin.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. F. ROGERS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

**TENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA.,
JUNE 30, 1876**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. HARTRANFT, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. S. REYNOLDS, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES J. BUCKBEE, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspectors general</i> -----	{ W. F. ROGERS, New York. ²
	{ MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. W. DOUGLAS, Rhode Island.

**ELEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PROVIDENCE, R. I.,
JUNE 26, 27, 1877**

Headquarters established New York City.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ELISHA H. RHODES, Rhode Island.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge Advocate general</i> -----	WILIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

² Resigned on being elected department commander of New York.

**TWELFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, MASS.,
JUNE 4, 1878**

Headquarters established, New York City. Membership, 31,016.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. ROBINSON, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HERBERT E. HILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JAMES L. WATSON, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES L. FARLEY, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MATTHEW HAIL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM COGSWELL, Massachusetts.

**THIRTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ALBANY, N. Y.,
JUNE 17, 18, 1879**

Headquarters established National Military Home, Ohio. Membership, 44,752.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM EARNSHAW, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRISON DINGMAN, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM B. JONES, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ISAAC B. STEVENS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES W. RAPHUN, Maryland.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. BALDWIN, Ohio.

**FOURTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DAYTON, OHIO,
JUNE 8, 9, 1880**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 60,634.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR D. SWAIN, Illinois.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE BOWERS, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. C. HAMLIN, Maine.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

**FIFTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
JUNE 15, 16, 1881**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 85,856.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE S. MERRILL, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. YOUNG, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHARLES STYER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOS. F. LOVERING, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	WILLIAM WARD, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	GEORGE B. SQUIRES, New York.

**SIXTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BALTIMORE, MD.,
JUNE 21-23, 1882**

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 134,701.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	PAUL VANDERVOORT, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. F. W. ROSS, Maryland.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	I. S. BANGS, Maine.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	F. E. BROWN, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES R. CARNAHAN, Indiana.

**SEVENTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO.,
JUNE 25, 26, 1883**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 225,446.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BEATH, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WALTER H. HOLMES, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AZEL AMES, Jr., Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. I. M. FOSTER, New York.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN M. VANDERSLICE, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SANTMYER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM VANDEVER, Iowa.

**EIGHTEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.,
JUNE 23-25, 1884**

Headquarters established Toledo, Ohio. Membership, 273,168.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN S. KOUNTZ, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRA E. HICKS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM D. HALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. M. SHANAFELT, Michigan.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	W. W. ALCORN, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

**NINETEENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE,
JUNE 24, 25, 1885**

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 294,787.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL S. BURDETT, Washington, D. C.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SELDON CONNOR, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN R. LEWIS, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. C. TUCKER, California.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. LEMUEL H. STEWART, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN CAMERON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ARGUS D. VANOSDOL, Indiana.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES H. GROSVENOR, Ohio.

TWENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.,
AUGUST 4-6, 1886

Headquarters established Madison, Wis. Membership, 323,571.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL W. BACKUS, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	EDGAR ALLEN, Virginia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	AMBROSE S. EVERETT, Colorado.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. C. WARNER, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JACOB M. HUNTER, Ohio.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY E. TAINOR, Connecticut.

TWENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. LOUIS, MO.,
SEPTEMBER 28-30, 1887

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 355,916.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. REA, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NELSON COLE, Missouri.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. LINEHAN, New Hampshire.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	FLORENCE DONAHOE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. EDW. ANDERSON, Connecticut.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	IRA M. HEDGES, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WHEELOCK G. VEAZY, Vermont.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	DANIEL FISH, Minnesota.

TWENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 12-14, 1888

Headquarters established Kansas City, Mo. Membership, 372,960.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM WARNER, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MOSES H. NEIL, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOSEPH HADFIELD, New York.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	R. M. DE WITT, Iowa.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. STEPHEN G. UPDYKE, Dakota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EUGENE F. WEIGEL, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE S. EVANS, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN B. JOHNSON, Kansas.

TWENTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
AUGUST 28-30, 1889

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 397,974.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL A. ALGER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN F. LOVETT, New Jersey.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HORACE P. PORTER, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. W. H. CHILDERS, Kentucky.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE H. HOPKINS, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	D. R. AUSTIN, Ohio.

**TWENTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 13, 14, 1890**

Headquarters established Rutland, Vt. Membership, 409,489.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WHEELOCK G. VEAZEY, Vermont.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ RICHARD F. TOBIN, ³ Massachusetts. GEORGE H. INNIS, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE B. CREAMER, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. MYRON W. REED, Colorado.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH H. GOULDING, Vermont.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM LOCHREN, Minnesota.

**TWENTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH.,
AUGUST 5-7, 1891**

Headquarters established Albany, N. Y. Membership, 407,781.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN PALMER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	BENJAMIN V. STEVENSON, Kentucky.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. S. B. PAINE, Florida.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRED. PHISTERER, New York.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN F. PRATT, New Jersey.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOSEPH H. GOULDING, Vermont.

**TWENTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
SEPTEMBER 21, 22, 1892**

Headquarters established Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 399,830.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. WEISSERT, Wisconsin.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	R. H. WARFIELD, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	PETER B. AYARS, Delaware.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. C. WILE, Connecticut.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. D. R. LOWELL, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	E. B. GRAY, Wisconsin.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN TAYLOR, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE L. GOODALE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

**TWENTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1893**

Headquarters established Lynn, Mass. Membership, 397,223.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. B. ADAMS, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. G. BIGGER, Texas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE R. GRAHAM, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. A. V. KENDRICK, Iowa.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JAMES F. MEECH, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	LOUIS WAGNER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ANDREW M. UNDERHILL, New York.
<i>Judge Advocate general</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.

³ Died in office.

**TWENTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PITTSBURGH, PA.,
SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1894**

Headquarters established Rockford, Ill. Membership, 369,083.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS G. LAWLOR, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. P. BURCHFIELD, Pennsylvania.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES H. SHUTE, Louisiana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	O. W. WEEKS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. T. H. HAGGERTY, Missouri.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	C. C. JONES, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	JOHN W. BURST, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	C. V. R. POND, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	MATT H. ELLIS, New York.

**TWENTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOUISVILLE, KY.,
SEPTEMBER 11-13, 1895**

Headquarters established Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 357,639.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	IVAN N. WALKER, Indiana.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. H. HOBSON, Kentucky.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	S. G. COSGROVE, Washington.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. B. WHITING, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS C. ILIFF, Utah
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED DARTE, Pennsylvania.

**THIRTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. PAUL, MINN.,
SEPTEMBER 3-4, 1896**

Headquarters established Omaha, Nebr. Membership, 340,610.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THAD. S. CLARKSON, Nebraska.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN H. MULLEN, Minnesota.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES W. BUCKLEY, Alabama.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. E. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MARK B. TAYLOR, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BURMESTER, Nebraska.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	A. J. BURBANK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES A. SUYDAM, Pennsylvania.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALBERT CLARK, Massachusetts.

**THIRTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BUFFALO, N. Y.,
AUGUST 25-27, 1897**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 319,456.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN P. S. GOBIN, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED LYTH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANCIS B. ALLEN, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DAVID MCKAY, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. FRANK C. BRUNER, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

**THIRTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 5, 6, 1898**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 305,603.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JAMES A. SEXTON, ³ Illinois. W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ W. C. JOHNSON, Ohio. DANIEL ROSS, Delaware.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	DANIEL ROSS, Delaware.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. S. PIERCE, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. DANIEL LUCAS, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	FRED W. SPINK, Illinois.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ALONZO WILLIAMS, Rhode Island.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

**THIRTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PHILADELPHIA, PA.,
SEPTEMBER 6, 7, 1899**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 287,918.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALBERT D. SHAW, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	IRVIN ROBBINS, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	MICHAEL MINTON, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. BAKER, Massachusetts.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. JACOB L. GRIMM, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	EDWARD J. ATKINSON, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	NATHAN P. POND, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.

**THIRTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHICAGO, ILL.,
AUGUST 29, 30, 1900**

Headquarters established St. Louis, Mo. Membership, 276,612.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LEO RASSIEUR, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. C. MILLIKEN, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK SEAMAN, Tennessee.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN A. WILKINS, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. AUG. DRAHMS, California.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK M. STERRETT, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HENRY S. PECK, Connecticut.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES H. WOLFF, Massachusetts.

**THIRTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CLEVELAND, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1901**

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 269,507.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELL TORRANCE, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN McELROY, Washington, D. C.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES O'DONNELL, Illinois.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM R. THRALL, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. THOMAS N. BOYLE, Pennsylvania.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. A. WETHERBEE, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HENRY M. DUFFIELD, Michigan.

³ Died in office.

**THIRTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
OCTOBER 9, 10, 1902**

Headquarters established Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 263,745.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS J. STEWART, Pennsylvania.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM M. OLIN, Massachusetts.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES P. AVERILL, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	A. W. ACHESON, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. D. B. SHUEY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN W. SCHALL, Pennsylvania.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	F. A. WALSH, Wisconsin.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.

**THIRTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SAN FRANCISCO,
CALIF., AUGUST 20, 21, 1903**

Headquarters established in Chicago, Ill. Membership, 256,510.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN C. BLACK, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. MASON KINNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARRY C. KESSLER, Montana.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	GEORGE A. HARMAN, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WINFIELD SCOTT, Arizona.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES A. PARTRIDGE, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ERWIN B. MESSER, Iowa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.

**THIRTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.
AUGUST 17, 18, 1904**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 247,340.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILMON W. BLACKMAR, ³ Massachusetts. JOHN R. KING, Maryland.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOHN R. KING, Maryland. GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ GEORGE W. PATTEN, Tennessee. E. B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WARREN R. KING, Indiana.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. H. BRADFORD, Washington, D. C.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEE S. ESTELLE, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocates general</i> -----	{ AMOS M. THAYER, ³ Missouri. OSCAR L. MOORE, Kansas.

**THIRTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO.,
SEPTEMBER 7, 8, 1905**

Headquarters established Washington, D. C. Membership, 232,455.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES TANNER, New York.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE W. COOK, Colorado.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SILAS H. TOWLER, Minnesota.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	HUGO PHILLER, Wisconsin.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. F. LEARY, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN TWEEDALE, Washington, D. C.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	FRANK BATTLES, New Hampshire.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. J. CUMMINGS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	CHARLES A. CLARK, Iowa.

³ Died in office.

**FORTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MINNEAPOLIS, MINN.,
AUGUST 16, 17, 1906**

Headquarters established Zanesville, Ohio. Membership, 235,823.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT B. BROWN, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. ARMSTRONG, Indiana.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. B. FENTON, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	W. H. JOHNSON, Nebraska.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Right Rev. JOHN IRELAND, Minnesota.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS W. EVANS, Missouri.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	FRANK L. CAMPBELL, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

**FORTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y.,
SEPTEMBER 12, 13, 1907**

Headquarters established Kansas City. Membership, 229,932.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES G. BURTON, Missouri.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LEWIS E. GRIFFITH, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	W. M. SCOTT, Georgia.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Right Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JEREMIAH T. DEW, Missouri.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	L. W. COLLINS, Minnesota.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WARREN LEE GOSS, New Jersey.

**FORTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, TOLEDO, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1908**

Headquarters established Jersey City, N. J. Membership, 225,157.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY M. NEVIUS, New Jersey.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. KENT HAMILTON, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES C. ROYCE, California.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	G. LANE TANEYHILL, Maryland.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOHN F. SPENCE, Tennessee.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	FRANK O. COLE, New Jersey.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. HORNADAY, Oklahoma.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	Right Rev. SAMUEL FALLOWS, Illinois.

**FORTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH,
AUGUST 12, 13, 1909**

Headquarters established Minneapolis, Minn. Membership, 220,600.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL R. VAN SANT, Minnesota.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM M. BOSTAPH, Utah.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. LEMON, Kansas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. DANIEL RYAN, Indiana.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE O. EDDY, Minnesota.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	RUSSELL R. PEALER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

**FORTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.,
SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 1910**

Headquarters established Boston, Mass. Membership, 213,901.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN E. GILMAN, Massachusetts.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES BURROWS, New Jersey.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM JAMES, Florida.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN L. SMITH, M. D., Washington.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. THOMAS HARWOOD, New Mexico.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	EPHRAIM B. STILLINGS, Massachusetts.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. S. HOAGLAND, Nebraska.

**FORTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y.,
AUGUST 24, 25, 1911**

Headquarters established Chicago, Ill. Membership, 203,410.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	HARVEY M. TRIMBLE, Illinois.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	NICHOLAS W. DAY, New York.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. OGDEN, Kansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. JOHN D. HANRAHAN, Vermont.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. WYNNE JONES, Maryland.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CHARLES R. E. KOCH, Illinois.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JOHN H. McCLAY, Nebraska.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN B. LEWIS, Massachusetts.

**FORTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, LOS ANGELES, CALIF.,
SEPTEMBER 9-14, 1912**

Headquarters established Bridgeport, Conn. Membership, 191,346.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED B. BEERS, Connecticut.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY Z. OSBORNE, California.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	AMERICUS WHEDON, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. L. L. WHITTAKER, Texas.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE E. LOVEJOY, Massachusetts.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY J. SEELEY, Connecticut.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	J. PAYSON BRADLEY, Massachusetts.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	BENJAMIN F. BRYANT, Wisconsin.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

**FORTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CHATTANOOGA, TENN.,
SEPTEMBER 18, 19, 1913**

Headquarters established Detroit, Mich. Membership, 180,227.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WASHINGTON GARDNER, Michigan.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS H. SOWARD, Oklahoma.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	{ WILLIAM L. ROSS, ⁴ Maine.
	{ A. S. FOWLER, Arkansas.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	J. K. WEAVER, Pennsylvania.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. HORACE M. CARR, Kansas.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	LEVI S. WARREN, Michigan.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	P. H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minnesota.

⁴ Resigned.

**FORTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DETROIT, MICH.,
SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 1914**

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 171,335.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	DAVID J. PALMER, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JOSEPH B. GRISWOLD, ³ Michigan.
	{ W. F. CONNER, Texas.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ W. F. CONNER, Texas.
	{ OSCAR A. JANES, Michigan.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. LEWIS S. PILCHER, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. ORVILLE J. NAVE, California.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE A. NEWMAN, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES E. BEACH, Vermont.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	HARRY WHITE, Pennsylvania.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CYRUS A. BROOKS, Colorado.

**FORTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
SEPTEMBER 30 AND OCTOBER 1, 1915**

Headquarters established at Cincinnati, Ohio. Membership, 159,853.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELIAS R. MONFORT, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE H. SLAYBAUGH, Washington, D. C.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	LE VANT DODGE, Kentucky.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. REUBEN A. ADAMS, New York.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. BENJAMIN F. CLARKSON, Mary- land.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	DR. JOHN M. ADAMS, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	PATRICK H. CONEY, Kansas.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indiana.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

**FIFTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, KANSAS CITY, MO., AUGUST 28
TO SEPTEMBER 2, 1916**

Headquarters established at Pittsburgh, Pa. Membership, 140,074.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	W. J. PATTERSON, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM H. WORMSTEAD, Kansas City.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	E. K. RUSS, New Orleans, La.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	WILLIAM M. HANNA, Aurora, Ill.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	REV. O. S. REED, Manzanola, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	H. H. BENGOUGH, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	CHARLES H. HASKINS, California.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	RALZEMOND A. PARKER, Michigan.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	URIAH SEELY, New Jersey.

³ Died in office.

FIFTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 20-25, 1917

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 135,931.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ORLANDO A. SOMERS, Kokomo, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN L. CLEM, Atlanta, Ga.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN M. VERNON, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	JOHN M. ADAMS, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. C. H. FRADY, Helena, Mont.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, New York.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WILLIAM C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.

FIFTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, OREG.,
AUGUST 18-24, 1918

Headquarters established at Lincoln, Nebr. Membership, 120,916.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	CLARENDON E. ADAMS, Omaha, Nebr.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN G. CHAMBERS, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHAS. H. HABER, National Home, Va.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CHESTER M. FERRIN, Burlington, Vt.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. PHILIP A. NORDELL, Boston, Mass.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ALBERT M. TRIMBLE, Lincoln, Nebr.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge adrocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS H. BROWN, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.
<i>National patriotic instruetor</i> -----	GEORGE D. KELLOGG, Newcastle, Calif.

FIFTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, COLUMBUS, OHIO,
SEPTEMBER 7-13, 1919

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y., later removed to Columbus, Ohio. Membership, 110,357.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ JAMES D. BELL, ³ Brooklyn, N. Y. DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ DANIEL M. HALL, Columbus, Ohio. CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ CHARLES B. WILSON, Los Angeles, Calif. ISIDOR ISAACS, New York, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	STEPHEN I. BROWN, Knox, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. W. W. GIST, Cedar Falls, Iowa.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	{ ISIDOR ISAACS, New York, N. Y. JOSEPH W. O'NEALL, Columbus, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector gcneral</i> -----	JAMES C. TAYLOR, Newark, N. J.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	HOSEA W. ROOD, Madison, Wis.

³ Died in office.

**FIFTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1920**

Headquarters established at Indianapolis, Ind. Membership, 103,258.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. KETCHAM, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE A. HOSLEY, Boston, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. E. GANDY, Spokane, Wash.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM A. BOSWORTH, Wichita, Kans.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	MAHLON D. BUTLER, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

**FIFTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.,
SEPTEMBER 25-29, 1921**

Headquarters established at Brooklyn, N. Y. Membership, 93,171.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LEWIS S. PILCHER, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. MARSHALL W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. GEORGE B. SMITH, Minneapolis, Minn.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILLIAM C. PECKHAM, Brooklyn, N. Y.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	THOMAS S. HOPKINS, Washington, D. C.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	RICHARD A. SARLE, San Francisco, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

**FIFTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 24-29, 1922**

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 85,621.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. S. BRODBENT, San Antonio, Tex.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE TRYON HARDING, M. D., Marion, Ohio.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	CRAVEN V. GARDNER, Rapid City, S. Dak.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. H. EPPLER, Gary, Ind.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN P. RISLEY, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. MCBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	MARSHALL W. WOOD, Boise, Idaho.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN M. WILLIAMS, California, Mo.

**FIFTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MILWAUKEE, WIS.,
SEPTEMBER 2-8, 1923**

Headquarters established at Van Wert, Ohio. Membership, 76,126.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	GAYLORD M. SALTZGABER, Van Wert, Ohio.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK A. WALSH, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, Baltimore, Md.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	CHARLES L. SHERGUR, Union Spring, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	ANDREW S. BURT, Van Wert, Ohio.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. McBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	OTTO SHIMANSKY, Sandusky, Ohio.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES O. BROWN, Oak Park, Ill.

**FIFTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, BOSTON, MASS.,
AUGUST 10-15, 1924**

Headquarters established at Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 65,382.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	LOUIS D. ARENSBERG, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Boston, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. JOSEPH E. HALL, Portland, Oreg.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. CHAS. W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. McBRIDE, Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	GEORGE T. LEECH, Baltimore, Md.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

**FIFTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.,
AUGUST 30 TO SEPTEMBER 5, 1925**

Headquarters established at Springfield, Ill. Membership, 55,817.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN B. INMAN, Springfield, Ill.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OSCAR A. JANES, Detroit, Mich.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	WILLIAM O. ALLEN, Newark, N. J.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. JOHN GILBERT, Fall River, Mass.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. WILLIAM P. McKINLEY, Lebanon, Ind.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	HENRY B. DAVIDSON, Springfield, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	ROBERT W. McBRIDE, ³ Indianapolis, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ISAAC COLE, Maplewood, N. J.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	LEVI LONGFELLOW, Minneapolis, Minn.

³ Died in office.

**SIXTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 19-25, 1926**

Headquarters established at Milwaukee, Wis. Membership, 47,179.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK A. WALSH, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. G. BEATTY, Independence, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. H. HASKINS, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon General</i> -----	Dr. C. W. BURRILL, Kansas City, Mo.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. ROBERT H. HILL, Albany, N. Y.
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ CHAS. H. HENRY, ⁴ Eau Claire, Wis. CHARLES KAYSER, ³ Milwaukee, Wis. GEORGE W. MORTON, Berlin, Wis.
<i>Assistant adjutant general</i> -----	GEORGE A. HANNAFORD, Milwaukee, Wis.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	W. G. COCHRAN, Sullivan, Ill.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	FRANK DAGLE, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	SMITH STIMMEL, Fargo, N. Dak.

**SIXTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.,
SEPTEMBER 11-16, 1927**

Headquarters established in State Capitol, Sacramento, Calif. Membership, 38,801.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ELBRIDGE L. HAWK, Sacramento, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUAL E. MAHAN, St. Paul, Minn.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. HENRY A. JOHNSON, Washington, D. C.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, National Military Home, Dayton, Ohio
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WM. H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	C. D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WALTER L. FUNK, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio

**SIXTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DENVER, COLO.,
SEPTEMBER 16-21, 1928**

Headquarters were established in Broken Bow, Nebr. Membership, 32,614.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES E. JEWEL, Fort Morgan, Colo.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY J. KEARNEY, New York, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon General</i> -----	Dr. S. W. HOPKINS, Lodi, Calif.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev J. KING GIBSON, National Military Home, Ohio
<i>Adjutants general</i> -----	{ THOMAS J. SMITH, ⁴ McCook, Nebr. MELVIN K. HAGADORN, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	W. C. CALLAND, Springfield, Mo.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	CHARLES W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

³ Died in office.

⁴ Resigned.

SIXTY-THIRD NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, PORTLAND, MAINE,
SEPTEMBER 8-13, 1929

Headquarters established in Worcester, Mass. Membership, 26,219.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	EDWIN J. FOSTER, Worcester, Mass.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	C. E. NASON, Gray, Maine.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	J. W. SHIELDS, Boise, Idaho.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. King GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WILFRED A. WETHERBEE, Newton, Mass.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	COLA D. R. STOWITS, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	C. W. BLODGETT, Cincinnati, Ohio.

SIXTY-FOURTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, CINCINNATI, OHIO,
AUGUST 24-28, 1930

Headquarters established at Fort Morgan, Colo. Membership, 21,080.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	JAMES E. JEWELL, Fort Morgan, Colo.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JACOB SECREST, Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	CHARLES H. LEWIS, Pawtucket, R. I.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	DR. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. HENRY HILTON WOOD, Long Beach, Calif.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	{ DAVID N. HEIZER, ⁴ Colorado Springs, Colo.
	{ ABRAHAM L. EMIGH, Fort Morgan, Colo.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	{ COLA D. R. STOWITTS, ³ Buffalo, N. Y.
	{ EDWARD HURLEY, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	SAMUEL M. HENCH, Fort Wayne, Ind.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	WILLIAM H. NOLL, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	ROBERT W. HILL, Albany, N. Y.

SIXTY-FIFTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 13-18, 1931

Headquarters established at Philadelphia, Pa. Membership, 16,578.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OLEY NELSON, Slater, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. SAMUEL A. CAMPBELL, Mattoon, Ill.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JESSE B. BARTLEY, Omaha, Nebr.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	WASHINGTON F. HAMBRIGHT, Lancaster, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	EDWARD HURLEY, Buffalo, N. Y.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JOHN REESE, Broken Bow, Nebr.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	IRA R. WILDMAN, Danbury, Conn.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	JOHN F. PICKERILL, Seattle, Wash.

³ Died in office.
⁴ Resigned.

**SIXTY-SIXTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, SPRINGFIELD, ILL.,
SEPTEMBER 18-24, 1932**

Headquarters established at Chicago, Ill. Membership, 13,066.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commanders in chief</i> -----	{ WILLIAM P. WRIGHT, ³ Chicago, Ill. RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif. CHARLES E. JONES, Tuscaloosa, Ala.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ CHARLES E. JONES, Tuscaloosa, Ala. ARTHUR DAWSON, Oak Park, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Waukegan, Ill.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	EMMET F. TAGGART, Akron, Ohio.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	HENRY B. DAVIDSON, Springfield, Ill.

**SIXTY-SEVENTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ST. PAUL, MINN.,
SEPTEMBER 17-22, 1933**

Headquarters established at Los Angeles, Calif. Membership, 10,138.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ THOMAS H. PEACOCK, ³ Minneapolis, Minn. EDWIN H. LINCOLN, Pittsfield, Mass.
<i>Junior vice commanders in chief</i> -----	{ EDWIN H. LINCOLN, Pittsfield, Mass. JOHN E. ANDREW, Quincy, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. A. B. GARRETT, Gallipolis, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	DARWIN B. WOLCOTT, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	T. M. KELLOGG, Portland, Oreg.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. S. DUMSER, Oakland, Calif.

**SIXTY-EIGHTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, ROCHESTER, N. Y.,
AUGUST 12-18, 1934**

Headquarters established at Syracuse, N. Y. Membership, 7,807.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ALFRED E. STACEY, Elbridge, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HARDING I. MERRILL, Wichita, Kans.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	GEORGE H. POUNDER, Fort Atkinson, Wis.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	CALVIN A. BRAINARD, Jackson, Mich.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	M. H. DAVIDSON, Louisville, Ky.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	{ HENRY B. DAVIDSON, ³ Springfield, Ill. C. PERRY LOMAX, ³ Lincoln, Nebr.

³ Died in office.

SIXTY-NINTH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, GRAND RAPIDS, MICH.,
SEPTEMBER 8-14, 1935

Headquarters established at Des Moines, Iowa. Membership, 6,244.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	OLEY NELSON, Slater, Iowa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	A. C. ESTABROOK, Grand Rapids, Mich.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	OVERTON H. MENNET, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. A. B. GARRETT, Gallipolis, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	JOHN P. RISLEY, Des Moines, Iowa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL P. TOWN, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	JAMES C. THOMAS, Chicago, Ill.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	WILLIAM F. DORSEY, Washington, D. C.

SEVENTIETH NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.,
SEPTEMBER 20-26, 1936

Headquarters established at Pittsburgh, Pa. Membership, 4,391.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	C. H. WILLIAM RUHE, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY F. RUSSELL, Alliance, Ohio.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. J. KING GIBSON, Dayton, Ohio.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	{ JOHN LITTLE, ¹ Pittsburgh, Pa. GEORGE SANDS, Pittsburgh, Pa.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	{ SAMUAL P. TOWN, ¹ Philadelphia, Pa. SAMUEL S. FOWLER, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	J. W. CARROLL, Lisbon, N. Dak.

SEVENTY-FIRST NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, MADISON, WIS.,
SEPTEMBER 5-10, 1937

Headquarters established at Los Angeles, Calif. Membership, 3,325.
The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year :

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	OVERTON H. MENNET, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	HENRY HELD, West Allis, Wis.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. EDWARD H. COWAN, Crawfordsville, Ind.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. MARTIN V. STONE, Jamestown, N. Y.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	RUSSELL C. MARTIN, Los Angeles, Calif.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	SAMUEL S. FOWLER, Philadelphia, Pa.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	R. H. HOFFMAN, Denver, Colo.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	RUSTAN O. REED, Seattle, Wash.

¹ Died in office.

**SEVENTY-SECOND NATIONAL ENCAMPMENT, DES MOINES, IOWA,
SEPTEMBER 4-9, 1938**

Headquarters established at Ripley, N. Y. Membership, 2,443.

The following officers were elected and appointed for the ensuing year:

<i>Commander in chief</i> -----	ROBERT M. ROWND, Ripley, N. Y.
<i>Senior vice commander in chief</i> -----	FRANK L. QUADE, Dubuque, Iowa.
<i>Junior vice commander in chief</i> -----	JOHN W. CARROLL, Lisbon, N. Dak.
<i>Surgeon general</i> -----	Dr. A. B. GARRETT, Gallipolis, Ohio.
<i>Chaplain in chief</i> -----	Rev. JOSHUA C. PEARCE, Denver, Colo.
<i>Adjutant general</i> -----	MARTIN V. STONE, Jamestown, N. Y.
<i>Quartermaster general</i> -----	EDWIN H. LINCOLN, Pittsfield, Mass.
<i>Judge advocate general</i> -----	JAMES W. WILLETT, Tama, Iowa.
<i>Inspector general</i> -----	THOMAS AMBROSE, Chicago, Ill.
<i>National patriotic instructor</i> -----	TRUMAN N. PARSONS, Stratford, Conn.

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